

**WCU Organization Descriptions**  
**NFO Resource Fair- Sponsored by:**

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<b>Athletic Advisory Board</b>	<p>The Athletics Advisory Board serves as a review and advisory body to the President of West Chester University. The Board will work closely with the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Director of Athletics assisting with the development of University's Athletics Program. It is made up of 7 faculty members, 6 administrators and three students. Each college or schools has one representative on the board who can serve as a "go to" person with questions about athletics and/or student-athletes.</p> <p>The Board is chaired by the NCAA mandated Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), Dr. Craig Stevens who is also the chair of the Department of Kinesiology. The FAR's responsibilities include overseeing the well-being of student-athletes and acting as a liaison between academics and athletics. Please contact him with any questions or concerns regarding student-athletes and their academic performance.</p>

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<p><b>Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact</b></p>	<p>Mission Statement and Goals: The Center for Civic Engagement &amp; Social Impact promotes community-based learning experiences that address issues of public concern by building mutually beneficial partnerships and empowering students to be active citizens in their local, national and global communities. To achieve this mission, the Center for Civic Engagement &amp; Social Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partners with a wide array of non-profit and governmental agencies, faculty, staff, and student clubs, organizations, and athletic teams</li> <li>- Facilitates academic and co-curricular community service and service-learning programs that engage students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members</li> <li>- Disseminates information about service-learning, resources, and professional development opportunities</li> <li>- Consults with faculty to incorporate service-learning opportunities into specific courses and programs of study</li> <li>- Collaborates with all parties to ensure quality learning experiences and positive impact in the community</li> <li>- Manages service-learning data and facilitates assessment</li> </ul> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Director, Dr. Rita Patel Eng at <a href="mailto:rpateleng@wcupa.edu">rpateleng@wcupa.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>Committee for Advising Excellence</b></p>	<p>The Advising Task Force was established in the Fall of 2014 by the Provost to implement the recommendations of the WCU strategic plan. The group comprises members from across the university: faculty representatives from all Colleges; Deans; students; representatives of university offices such as the Registrar and Career Center. It is involved in projects such as advising training, administering advising awards, development and maintenance of the university advising website, and increasing visibility of advising on campus, by attending New Faculty Orientation and other events.</p>

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<b>Committee for Excellence and Learning in Teaching (CELT)</b>	<p>The mission of the Committee for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) includes fostering collaborations among faculty and with students to build a scholarly community around issues of teaching and learning. With members from all areas of faculty and administration, CELT's goals are to enhance curricula and instructional modes to actively engage learners in connecting theoretical and applied knowledge and improve the quality of their learning. Programs sponsored by CELT include Book Discussion Groups, an annual early-summer Workshop on pedagogical topics, and CELT Professional Development Funds for teaching projects (funding up to \$2000.)</p>
<b>Faculty Mentoring Committee (FMC)</b>	<p>Building and sustaining a mentoring culture on a higher education campus has been shown to play a critical role in faculty retention and success. The Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP), established in 2008, is open to all part-time and full-time academic and administrative faculty, as defined by the most recent CBA. The FMP offers three targeted programs to support faculty at every career stage: new full-time tenure-track faculty, faculty desiring to seek promotion, and adjunct faculty. The mission of the program is to foster mentoring partnerships among faculty to enhance lifelong professional learning in teaching, scholarship, and service.</p>
<b>Faculty Senate</b>	<p>The mission of the Faculty Senate at West Chester University is to ensure classroom and non-classroom faculty involvement in the shared governance of the institution. A forum for advocating and evaluating institutional policy and related matters affecting the welfare of the University, the Faculty Senate is committed to fostering a climate that promotes the growth and development of faculty and students.</p>

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Global Engagement Office	<p>The Global Engagement Office (GEO) was established in 1973. Formally called the Center for International Programs, the GEO provides essential support services for international students, visiting scholars, education abroad, and the National Student Exchange. Students are encouraged to participate in semester or year-long study abroad programs as well as spring break and summer faculty-led programs. The GEO hosts a Study Abroad Fair each fall in Sykes Student Union where students have the opportunity to meet with WCU faculty and study abroad representatives to learn about programs all over the world. In addition, study abroad representatives visit campus during the spring semester. The schedule for these visits is available in the office at the beginning of each spring semester. The GEO assists international students to gain entry to WCU, to serve these students once enrolled and to educate U.S. students globally by fostering opportunities for education abroad and exchange programs. All West Chester University immigration services are provided through the GEO. A variety of services such as immigration advising, programming and orientation are provided for scholars and students from WCU and more than 40 countries.</p>
Honors College	<p>Modeling a commitment to liberal arts and cross-disciplinary education, the Honors College (HC) celebrates outstanding students and encourages them to strive for a high level of academic excellence. We prepare students to become forces for positive change in the co-curricular life of the campus and the broader community through scholarship, service, teamwork, and leadership. We motivate student to develop character and value life-long learning. With the motto, <i><b>To Be Honorable Is To Serve</b></i>, Honors is about the business of preparing leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p>
Information Services & Technology, EdTech & User Services	<p>The West Chester University Information Services and Technology Division (IS&amp;T) is dedicated to serving the University mission in all its elements through the strategic application of information technology. IS&amp;T delivers and supports a variety of systems to the University community regardless of their location or device including communications networks, collaboration tools, software applications, and OneDrive cloud storage. EdTech &amp; User Services consists of the IT Help Desk for staff and faculty, D2L (the learning management system) used by WCU to support online education for faculty and students, Tech Fee which acquires, installs, and maintains technologies, and Multimedia Services (Presentation systems and Video Conferencing rooms).</p>

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<b>LGBTQIA+ University Caucus</b>	<p>The mission of the LGBTQIA+ University Caucus is to promote the equity, empowerment, and success of LGBTQIA+ students, faculty, and staff by fostering a safe campus environment; developing, suggesting, and supporting inclusive policies and curriculum; supporting LGBTQIA+ recruitment and retention initiatives; and promoting social and educational opportunities to meaningfully engage with the University community.</p>
<b>Office of Educational Accessibility</b>	<p>At West Chester University, the Office of Educational Accessibility (OEA) appreciates disability as an integral part of the University experience. We are committed to providing equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for persons with disabilities. Through collaboration and support of the entire campus community, the OEA promotes disability pride, self-determination of the student, and universally accessible design principles so that everyone has full access to University life. The OEA strives to provide and/or coordinate supportive services that enable students with disabilities to maximize their educational potential. The OEA is committed to working with students, staff, and faculty in developing and implementing the most appropriate strategies for a successful learning experience while maintaining the academic standards and integrity of the mission of the University. The OEA provides services and programs that ensure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990). All programs and services are in keeping with the University's mission to provide equal education for all qualified students.</p>

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<b>Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP)</b>	<p>It is the mission of the West Chester University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) to facilitate, coordinate, and safeguard the institution's research and creative activity enterprise in the interest of supporting faculty as they train students to succeed personally and professionally and contribute to the common good.</p> <p>We provide faculty the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources and assistance with proposal development.</li> <li>• Training and monitoring of research and creative activity compliance.</li> <li>• Opportunities to form interdisciplinary teams.</li> <li>• Opportunities to develop intellectual property.</li> <li>• Opportunities to integrate research and creative activity into coursework.</li> <li>• Opportunities to collaborate with undergraduates.</li> </ul>
<b>Office of Sustainability/ Sustainability Advisory Council</b>	<p>To live and work sustainably means to perpetuate the health and welfare of people, economies, and the environment. Sustainability is about ensuring that all people - today and into the future - can live in healthy communities and participate in productive local economies without sacrificing environmental integrity. It's a simple yet powerful concept that ties together human happiness and well-being with the quality and health of environmental systems. Thus, sustainability issues incorporate such wide-ranging topics as biodiversity loss, climate change, social justice, and more.</p> <p>West Chester University seeks to be a leader in local, regional, and global sustainability efforts. This website documents the university's efforts in sustainability and provides numerous resources for individuals, organizations, and communities.</p>

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<b>PA State Employees Credit Union (PSECU)</b>	<p>PSECU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative founded in 1934 by 22 ordinary people who wanted better choices for financial services. We've grown to more than 400,000 members with over \$4 billion in assets, making us one of the largest credit unions in Pennsylvania. Because you're a faculty member at West Chester University, you're eligible to apply for membership and take advantage of our free checking, free Bill Payer service, surcharge-free ATMs, mobile access and more. We also offer low-loan rates for vehicles, mortgages/equities, and credit cards. To learn more and join, visit <a href="http://psecu.com">psecu.com</a>. This Credit Union is Federally Insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender. Equal Housing Lender.</p>
<b>Student Leadership &amp; Involvement</b>	<p>The mission of SLI is to WCU students with transformative learning opportunities that prepare them to be active global citizens through involvement in student organizations, intentional programming, and interpersonal interactions. Faculty can contribute to this mission by being an advisor to a student organization, nominating or judging annual leadership awards, or being a guest speaker at a conference or program.</p>

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<p><b>Teaching &amp; Learning Center (TLC)</b></p>	<p>The Teaching &amp; Learning Center (TLC) shares expertise with the WCU community of educators through close professional relationships and professional development initiatives. We aim to advance the university's strategic goal of learning by increasing faculty knowledge of pedagogical techniques, best practices in course design, educational technology, and digital accessibility.</p> <p>Our programs and services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops and trainings on evidence-based pedagogical practices</li> <li>• Initiatives to explore teaching-related topics in collaboration with peers</li> <li>• One-on-one consultations with Instructional Design Specialists</li> <li>• Resources and support for integration of digital technology in teaching</li> </ul> <p>Visit our website at <a href="http://wcupa.edu/tlc">wcupa.edu/tlc</a> to learn more!</p>
<p><b>WCU Foundation</b></p>	<p>We engage donors and other partners to drive student success. We secure funding that helps West Chester University students achieve more. In essence, the Foundation is the philanthropic and advancement arm of our University. Through partnerships with the Cabinet, our Deans, Coaches and other members of the University, the Foundation is responsible for a comprehensive advancement program that supports our students.</p>



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<p><b>WCU Library</b></p>	<p>West Chester University Libraries is comprised of the Francis Harvey Green Library (FHG Library) and the Presser Music Library. The Libraries website, <a href="https://library.wcupa.edu">library.wcupa.edu</a>, provides continually updated access to a wide array of resources and services, including EDS Discovery search, and access to research databases. E-resources are available on and off campus to all current students, faculty and staff. WCU students, faculty and staff have borrowing privileges for library materials. Faculty can also place items on reserve for use by their students. For more information please see: <a href="https://library.wcupa.edu/reserves">https://library.wcupa.edu/reserves</a> Additionally the University Libraries offer free interlibrary loan service to students and faculty. You can access these services via: <a href="https://library.wcupa.edu/ill">https://library.wcupa.edu/ill</a> To identify and contact specific subject specialist librarians please view: <a href="https://library.wcupa.edu/ask/subject">https://library.wcupa.edu/ask/subject</a>.</p>