



New Faculty Orientation 2026

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Orientation Program

August 11-12, 2026 | Philips Autograph Library, Room 201

Welcome to West Chester University of Pennsylvania!

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Time	Presentation	Presenters
9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome & Overview of Day One	Dr. Colleen Commisso & Dr. Tianran Chen <i>2025-2026 NFO Co-Chairs</i>
9:05am – 9:40am	Community Building	Dr. Jen Bozeman
9:40am – 10:15am	Information Services & Technology	Bonnie Young
10:15am – 10:50am	Instructional Responsibilities, Part I	Dr. Anne Gill Dr. Md Amiruzzaman Dr. Emmaline Ellis Dr. Jason Vanfossen Dr. Michelle Dasilva Dr. Kasey Trill Dr. Manuela Ramalho Sanchez
10:50am – 11:00am	Break	
11:00am – 11:45am	Instructional Responsibilities, Part II	Dr. Anne Gill Dr. Md Amiruzzaman Dr. Emmaline Ellis Dr. Jason Vanfossen Dr. Michelle Dasilva Dr. Kasey Trill Dr. Manuela Ramalho Sanchez
11:45am – 12:30pm	Lunch	
12:05pm – 12:30pm	Information Sessions - Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) - Faculty Ombuds	Dr. Cheryl Neale-McFall <i>Associate Provost for Research and Creative Activities</i> Dr. Bessie Lawton <i>Faculty Ombuds</i>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Q&A with Interim Provost	Dr. Josh Auld <i>Interim Provost</i>

Time	Presentation	Presenters
1:00pm – 1:00pm	Advising & Ram Portal	Dr. Courtney Lloyd & Dr. Susan Gans
1:30pm – 2:20pm	APSCUF Part I	Dr. Chris Stangl & Sean Crampsie
2:20pm – 2:30pm	Break	
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Student Success	Johny Tadros & Nicole Young
3:30pm – 4:45pm	Resource Fair and Reception* at WCU Foundation <i>202 Carter Drive</i> <i>West Chester, PA 19383</i> *Reception sponsored by APSCUF	

Reminder: Campus Tour Wednesday, August 12th at 8:00am
Meet in Philips Autograph Library

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Time	Presentation	Presenters
8:00am – 8:05am	Campus Tour (optional)	Dr. Alyssa Blasko
9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome & Overview of Day Two	Dr. Colleen Commisso & Dr. Tianran Chen <i>2025-2026 NFO Co-Chairs</i>
9:05am – 9:50am	APSCUF Part II	Bim Arthun & Dr. Monika Mayer
9:50am – 10:35am	Human Resources	Wendy Wolfrum & Stacy Smith
10:35am – 10:55am	Break	
10:55am – 11:20am	Tenure and Promotion	Dr. Kristen Crossney
11:20am – 11:30am	Meet the Deans	Dr. Christopher Hanning, Interim Dean <i>College of Arts & Humanities</i> Dr. Christy Hicks, Interim Dean <i>College of Education & Social Work</i> Dr. Scott Heinerichs, Dean <i>College of Health Sciences</i> Dr. B.K. Taylor, Assistant VP <i>Health and Wellness</i> Dr. Ashlie Delshad, Associate Dean <i>College of Sciences & Mathematics</i> Dr. Jill Dixon, Dean <i>University Libraries</i>
11:30am – 12:00pm	Faculty Roundtable (with Deans)	
12:00pm – 1:20pm	Lunch with President Bernotsky Class photo will be taken at 1:10pm	Dr. Laurie Bernotsky <i>President</i>
1:25pm – 2:00pm	Equity & Compliance	Dr. Tracey Ray Robinson
2:00pm – 2:20pm	CARE Team	Dr. B.K. Taylor

Time	Presentation	Presenters
2:20pm – 2:35pm	Break	
2:35pm – 2:55pm	Counseling Center	Dr. Rachel Daltry
2:55pm – 3:20pm	Office of Educational Accessibility	Dr. David Thomas
3:20pm	Closing Remarks	Dr. Colleen Commisso & Dr. Tianran Chen

The Incoming Faculty Class of 2026

West Chester University of Pennsylvania is proud to welcome the Incoming Faculty Class of 2026!

Faculty Member	Department
Samantha Bafile	<i>Sports Medicine</i>
Adam Beam	<i>Psychology</i>
Stephanie Belinske	<i>Public Health Sciences</i>
Jeanne Bollinger	<i>Chemistry</i>
Allison Byrne	<i>Biology</i>
Christine Cuzzo	<i>Literacy</i>
Victoria Fields	<i>Communication & Media</i>
Adrienne Fisher	<i>Counselor Education</i>
Colleen Fleming	<i>Counseling Center</i>
Jennifer Janus	<i>Counselor Education</i>
Ashleigh Kelley	<i>Early & Middle Grades Education</i>
Robin Kello	<i>English</i>
Jay'ana King	<i>Counseling Center</i>
Christian Miles	<i>Sports Medicine</i>
Katrina Morrison	<i>Educational Foundations & Policy Studies</i>
Robert Piña	<i>Counseling Center</i>
Madeline Shaw	<i>Sports Medicine</i>
Kelly Shea	<i>University Libraries</i>
Brooke Shissler	<i>Sports Medicine</i>
Catharine Wallace	<i>Art & Design</i>
Grace Wetzel	<i>Psychology</i>
Abby Yochim	<i>Physician Associate Education</i>

New Faculty Orientation Committee

Committee Member	Department
Colleen Commisso (NFO Committee Co-Chair)	<i>Department of Special Education</i>
Tianran Chen (NFO Committee Co-Chair)	<i>Department of Physics</i>
Md. Amiruzzaman	<i>Department of Computer Science</i>
Stefanie Amiruzzaman	<i>Department of Languages & Cultures</i>
Sean Andre	<i>Department of Accounting</i>
Bridget Asempapa	<i>Department of Counselor Education</i>
Daniel Bileth	<i>Department of Nursing</i>
Alyssa Blasko	<i>Department of Special Education</i>
Jennifer Bozeman	<i>Department of Management</i>
Laura Brown	<i>Department of Communication & Media</i>
Michelle Dasilva	<i>Department of Nursing</i>
Patricia Davidson	<i>Department of Nutrition</i>
Karen Dickinson	<i>Department of Counselor Education</i>
Teresa Donze-Reiner	<i>Department of Biology</i>
Jessica Drass	<i>The Teaching and Learning Center (TLC)</i>
Emmaline Ellis	<i>Department of Early & Middle Grades Education</i>
Jenna Fisher	<i>Department of Kinesiology</i>
Daniel Forbes	<i>Department of Philosophy</i>
Roger Gatchet	<i>Department of Communication & Media</i>
Maxine Gesualdi	<i>Department of Communication & Media</i>
Anne Gill	<i>Department of Secondary Education</i>
Tara Guerriero	<i>Department of Special Education</i>
Mary Houser	<i>Department of Special Education</i>
Jingqiu Hu	<i>Department of Chemistry</i>

Committee Member	Department
Rose Jagielo-Manion	<i>Department of Early & Middle Grades Education</i>
Kyle Kelly	<i>Department of Economics & Finance</i>
Natalya Khimich	<i>Department of Accounting</i>
Thomas Kwiatkowski	<i>Department of Chemistry</i>
Huimin Li	<i>Department of Economics & Finance</i>
Joseph Mauro	<i>Department of Economics & Finance</i>
Maureen McVeigh	<i>Department of English</i>
Lucy Miller	<i>Department of Communication & Media</i>
Rebecca Miller	<i>Provost Administrative Assistant</i>
Leah Ndanga	<i>Department of Business & Public Management</i>
Lia O'Brien	<i>Department of Psychology</i>
Roxane Petit-Rasselle	<i>Department of Languages & Cultures</i>
Manuela Ramalho Sanchez	<i>Department of Biology</i>
Rebecca Rich	<i>Department of Public Health Sciences</i>
Alessandra Sarcona	<i>Department of Nutrition</i>
Megan Schraedley	<i>Department of Communication & Media</i>
Tina Selvaggi	<i>Department of Literacy</i>
Mimi Staulters	<i>Department of Educational Leadership & Higher Education</i>
Patricia Swasey Washington	<i>Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders</i>
Chiwoneso Tinago	<i>Department of Health</i>
Kasey Trill	<i>Department of Nursing</i>
Larry Udell	<i>Department of Philosophy</i>
Jason Vanfosson	<i>Department of English</i>
Sally Winterton (Faculty Emeritus)	<i>College of Education & Social Work</i>

Committee Member	Department
Bonnie Young	<i>Information Services & Technology</i>
Dazhi Zheng	<i>Department of Economics & Finance</i>
Lynn Subernis	<i>Department of Counselor Education</i>

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Acting Provost, West Chester University

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President, West Chester University

Rebecca Miller

Provost Administrative Assistant

Speakers and Presenters

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