AT OUR CORE

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AT WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life prepares students for leadership roles as well as active life-long learning. We are committed to providing services and learning opportunities in a professional and caring manner to undergraduate and graduate students and to shaping an environment that fosters self-esteem, personal development, and student success.

Student learning, both curricular and co-curricular, is central to what we do. We are proud of the students we work with every day and we take pride in their accomplishments before and after they graduate.

Our Core Values provide the underlying structure for our work and engagement with students.
ADVOCACY

ADVANCING THE AGENDA OF STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

ASHLEIGH SMEAL ’10

“As student body president, I know that student concerns are heard by the Student Affairs staff and are discussed with the administration and the Board of Trustees. Undergraduate and graduate student representatives present at each of the Board meetings; this provides an opportunity to articulate what is both important and relevant to us. What’s great is that we’re heard and our ideas are appreciated.”
“Our student-athletes work diligently in the classroom, on the basketball court, and in the community with citizenship foremost in their minds. Our students maintain integrity and sportsmanship in both victory and defeat. In fact, the success of our men’s basketball team can be attributed to our culture of personal responsibility and collective leadership. I find the lessons learned at WPI translate well to lifelong skills that my student-athletes take with them after graduation.

Since 2003 I have served as a board member for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization of Central Mass/Metro West and the members of our men’s basketball team have served as mentors for local youngsters. Our players do a wonderful job serving as role models to these children. We help the “ littles ” with homework, we play sports with them, we go to events together, and, perhaps most important, we listen to them. As a result, we’ve seen that our “ littles ” have better attendance, better grades, and increased self-esteem. Our players are truly making a difference with their commitment to this endeavor and they’ve touched many lives. To me, this is citizenship at its best.”
EMPOWERMENT

FOSTERING AND ENCOURAGING GROWTH AND SELF-ESTEEM

ALEC GORSKI ’10

“The Greek community has provided me with an opportunity of a lifetime. I have learned to live by the values espoused by my fraternity chapter and have met hundreds of others around the country living by the same ideals. Being the Interfraternity Council president has taught me a great deal about delegation and trust for my peers, as well the finer points of leadership that I will be able to use throughout my life. I have been able to work with other student leaders, understand what’s important to them, and be an advocate for them. I’m proud of the mark I have made at WPI, and I know that my role here has had a positive influence on the WPI community.”

Black Student Union
Cultural Associations
Religious Organizations
Music and Performing Arts
Professional Societies
Honorary Societies
Greek Life
Community Service Programs
Pipeline Programs
Orientation Programs
EMSEP
INCLUSION

GIVING VOICE TO MULTIPLE VIEWPOINTS AND PROMOTING A CULTURE OF CIVILITY

SYLVIA VELASQUEZ ’11

“I was motivated to join as many organizations as possible since the day I stepped foot on campus. Every new person I met offered me help, motivation, and encouragement, making for a supportive and welcoming environment. Being from Venezuela, I didn’t know what to expect when I started at WPI, but I was always surrounded by a community who made me feel welcome and who appreciated my perspective. During the Leadership Series at WPI, I knew my voice was always heard and I was encouraged to challenge my beliefs, learning that different cultures think and feel differently about leadership. This experience added significantly to my own personal growth.”
“During my time as a staff member of the Office of Diversity Programs and from my experience as a founder of a WPI Greek organization, I have learned the importance of respect. The former senator Bill Bradley once said, “Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.” Respecting the opinions and decisions of our colleagues or team members is a vital factor in the success and improvement of the WPI community. This ability became so evident to me during the intake process of the Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity. My group was composed of four diverse young men. Despite our differences, we shared a common respect for each other as well as the desire to accomplish our goals. The process was challenging but we worked together and achieved great success, success that could not have been attained without respect.”
SUPPORT
DEMONSTRATING GENUINE CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH, BALANCE, AND WELL BEING OF OTHERS

CHARLIE MORSE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNSELING

“I’m particularly proud of the efforts we make to promote a safe and supportive community at WPI. The Student Development and Counseling Center staff is well known on campus for the outreach programs we provide; the most requested program by far is our experiential stress management sessions. Additionally, we meet throughout the year with groups of students, faculty, and staff to talk about how to recognize and reach out to support others in the community who are struggling in some way. These programs have been very well received at WPI and it is truly a privilege to be part of a community that strives to be connected, involved, and supportive of one another’s success and well being.”

Healthy Alternatives
Major/Career Search Advising
Varsity Athletics
Recreation
Intramural Sports
Peer Counselors
Care Team
Fitness and Outdoor Clubs
Club Sports
Student Health Advisory Council
Music and Performing Arts Programs
WPI’s Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life is composed of practitioners who share the common goal of student success and personal development. We are actively engaged in providing leadership and support to WPI students.

Student Affairs and Campus Life
Dean of Students Office
Career Development Center
Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics
WPI Police
Dining Services
Residential Services
Student Development and Counseling
Health Center
Healthy Alternatives
Diversity Programs
Women's Programs
Campus Center
Student Activities
Events Planning
International Students and Scholars
English as a Second Language