

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

# CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL



DIVERSITY SERIES | SPRING 2023

The *WCU Celebrates Diversity for All* calendar of events is a compilation of diversity-related programs and events sponsored and coordinated by a diverse cross section of WCU faculty, staff, and University departments. The Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI) cordially invites you to engage and join us as we continue to build upon our inclusive campus community. The myriad of educational opportunities are intended to enlighten and empower us as we continue the work of building our cultural competence as a community.

## JANUARY

**Beyond the Bell: Philadelphia's Global Heritage exhibition**  
September 16, 2022 – May 1, 2023  
Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), lower gallery

This semester visit the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's acclaimed exhibition, *Beyond the Bell: Philadelphia's Global Heritage*, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the ratification of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention. Although the city was designated by UNESCO for its importance in the creation of the world's first Enlightenment-era Republic, the exhibition counters the settler colonialism rhetoric by exploring the diverse heritages that make Philadelphia a global cultural hub. The Museum has partnered with the Global Philadelphia Association and its members, and features artifacts from the National Parks Service, Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery, the Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, and numerous artists and community members. Guest speakers from partner organizations will also provide remarks. For more information, please see [www.wcupa.edu/museum](http://www.wcupa.edu/museum) or write [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu) to RSVP.



**Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Campus Commemoration 2023 featuring "A Conversation with Heather McGhee," Author of New York Times Bestseller "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together."**  
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 | 5:00 PM-6:30 PM | Zoom  
Register in Advance at: [bit.ly/3dgyP3P](https://bit.ly/3dgyP3P)

Join us for an exciting conversation with Heather McGhee, speaker, advocate and bestselling author as we explore barriers to human commonality and the benefits that we gain as a community and country when we come together in unity to accomplish things that we cannot do on our own, a concept McGhee has coined as the "solidarity dividend". Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in collaboration between Delaware County Community College and West Chester University.

Queerly Chronicle

### Queerly Chronicle-Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy (CTQA)

Happy New Year! Do you want to stay in the loop about what's going on with LGBTQIA+ Folx, CTQA, and WCU? Sign up for our monthly newsletter to get the CTQA Scoop. CTQA trainings and educational opportunities are available and will be shared, too! To stay connected, stop by Sykes 250, check out our RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA), or visit our website [wcupa.edu/transandqueer](http://wcupa.edu/transandqueer), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147, and definitely check out our social media accounts, too!

## FEBRUARY

**MLK: Remembering the Message—A Panel Discussion with Black Faculty**  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023 | 4:00 PM-5:00 PM | Sykes Ballroom

An interactive discussion. Open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. Sponsored by the MLK Campus Commemoration Planning Committee.

**Black History/Cultural Heritage Month Event Series**  
Wednesday, February 1 –  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Join the campus, as we celebrate Black History Month (BHM) through a series of programs/events. For more info about the BHM calendar of events, please visit the Dowdy Multicultural Center website at <http://wcupa.edu/multicultural> or call (610) 436-3273 or (610) 436-3273.



**The Desi Community: Nuances for Service Providers to Know**  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023 | 7:15 PM | via Zoom

The South Asian/Indian/Desi community is the largest Asian community group in Chester County, yet it is not a monolithic group. There are regional, religious, socioeconomic, and language differences as well as cultural nuances that make each subgroup different. This presentation is geared toward service providers such as teachers, nurses, social workers, counselors, and anyone who would like to know more about the Desi community. Mr. Virind Gujral, an informal cultural ambassador, will provide insight to help professionals provide better service to the Desi community. Email [KDoan@wcupa.edu](mailto:KDoan@wcupa.edu) for the Zoom link.

**“Weight is not a behavior: A conversation about Health at Every Size®” featuring guest speaker, Kate Conklin, MS, RDN, LDN**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Sykes Theater**



Join the WCU College of Health Sciences for our spring event. The event is free of charge and open to the WCU campus community. Kate Conklin, MS, RDN, LDN is the owner of Kate Conklin, Registered Dietitian, LLC. She works with clients from all

walks of life who struggle with food and body relationships ranging from diagnosed eating disorders to disordered eating patterns and chronic dieting. Kate holds firm to her ethical and evidence-based beliefs of weight inclusive care, fat acceptance, and intuitive eating. Traditional weight approaches to health and wellbeing are challenging the general public and practitioners alike. Kate will help you understand why weight-inclusivity is a necessity, and how to use a weight-inclusive lens when working with others. Her presentation will challenge your internal biases about sizeism and provoke you to examine your internal beliefs about weight, nutrition, and bodies.

**An Integrative Health Approach to Support Emerging Adults Impacted by Violence, featuring Dr. Ebony E. White and Dr. Sarah Wenger**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 | 5:55 PM – 8:00 PM | Live via Zoom**

The focus of this presentation is to highlight the value of interprofessional collaboration to support patients with complex needs, impacted by violence. We will explore concepts of anti-racism, trauma informed care, culture centered practice, and coordinated healthcare through a case study that explores gun violence, chronic pain, and opioid use. We specifically discuss the bidirectional effects of physical and mental health, from the perspectives of a physical therapist and mental health clinician.

Sponsored by Education and Programming for Integrated Care (EPIC). For more information or if you have questions contact Wendy Myers at [wmyers@wcupa.edu](mailto:wmyers@wcupa.edu). Advance registration required by Sunday, February 5, 2023. Register [here](#). View the event flyer [here](#).

**National Museum of African American History & Culture**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Washington, DC**

In honor of Black History Month, join the WCU Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) as they travel to tour the Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum of African American History and Cultural in Washington DC. The chartered bus will depart from the main campus and return to the main campus. The fee to attend is \$10.00. Museum tickets have been secured by FDI. This is open to all students. A maximum of 56 students will travel as a group. For more information or to reserve your spot contact June Thompson at [jthompson2@wcupa.edu](mailto:jthompson2@wcupa.edu).

**Remembering the Legacy of Slavery, ‘Lest We Forget’**

**Monday, February 13, 2023 | 3:30 PM -5:00 PM Philips Autograph Library**

In honor of Black History Month, join the Museum of Anthropology & Archaeology for a special reception and lecture by Gwen Ragsdale, founder and Executive Director of Philadelphia’s Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery—the only slavery museum in Philadelphia and the only museum with actual artifacts from the transatlantic slave trade, including one on loan to WCU’s Museum exhibition, Beyond the Bell. Using her rare collection as a guide, Mrs. Ragsdale will discuss how different the coming-to-America experience was for millions of enslaved Africans. We will also have West Chester University’s autographed copy of Frederick Douglass’ autobiography on display. The event will conclude with a reception and a guided tour of the Museum of Anthropology & Archaeology’s exhibition, Beyond the Bell: Philadelphia’s Global Heritage. Co-sponsored by the Anthropology Club and the WCU Alumni Association. To attend, please RSVP at [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu).

**World Anthropology Day Open House**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023 | 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM | SECC 112**

Anthropology is the holistic study of humanity in all of our diversity, and in addition to research and teaching, anthropologists work as strong advocates for cultural diversity and inclusion. Join the Anthropology Club for an exciting, food-and-game filled celebration of anthropology

in Sykes Ballroom! Pick up your keepsake passport and visit various booths to learn about biological and forensic anthropology, primatology, linguistics, archaeology and cultural anthropology. View rare artifacts from around the world and sample snakes from diverse cuisines! Those who complete their passport win special prizes! For information contact Alex Sambrano, Anthropology Club president at [AS983415@wcupa.edu](mailto:AS983415@wcupa.edu).

**SEXY BINGO**

**Queer Sexy Bingo — Love Is Love Week**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023 | 8:00 PM | Sykes Ballrooms**

This is not your grandparents’ bingo! Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your sexuality education and celebrate International Women’s Day! Engage in conversations about sexuality and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior and preference, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes. Registration is not required but encouraged! Registration available via RamConnect. For more information, contact [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu).

**Aromantic Awareness Week**

**Monday, February 20 – Sunday, February 26, 2023**

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we center and celebrate aromantic (aro) identities, communities, and experiences. For more information, check out RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CQTA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CQTA), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147.



**Dr. Kwakiuti L. Dreher— From the Director’s Chair: The Making of The Bell Affair**

**Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 | 4:30 PM– 6:00 PM | 252 Sykes Student Union**

Join this event with Dr. Kwakiuti L. Dreher, director, producer, and writer of *The Bell Affair* (<http://animating-history.com/bellaffair/>), and Associate Professor of English and Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Dreher is a screenwriter, actor, director, playwright, and author. A native of South Carolina, she writes about African American literature, film, visual, and popular culture. She is the author of *Dancing on the White Page: Black Women Entertainers Writing Autobiography* (SUNY Press) and numerous articles and essays.



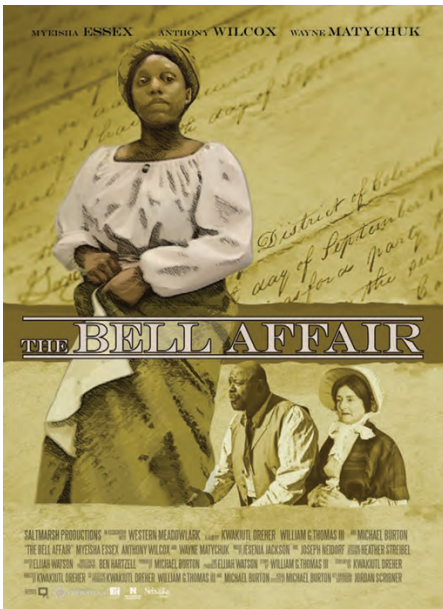
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**Frederick Douglass Institute’s Lunch (En)Counter Series: Community Organizing, Making a RUCCAS**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM | Zoom Webinar**

Please join us for a virtual panel that will contextualize locally and nationally WCU’s unique academic program in urban community change. The Rustin Urban Community Change Axis (RUCCAS) provides pathways to community change careers for traditional and returning students locally and nationally. Faculty, student, alumni and community leaders will describe local struggles and collaborations as well as put RUCCAS’s programs in national context. **Advance registration requested** at [https://wcupa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TH0rKP1qTiOCPPRvIml85Q](https://wcupa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TH0rKP1qTiOCPPRvIml85Q). For more information contact Eleanor Shevlin at 610-436-1826 or [eshvlin@wcupa.edu](mailto:eshvlin@wcupa.edu). Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute’s Lunch (En)Counter series with co-sponsorship by Rustin Urban Community Change Axis (RUCCAS), and African American Studies





### Film Screening: The Bell Affair

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Sykes Theatre

The Bell Affair (<http://animatinghistory.com/bellaffair/>) is an animating film about an historical event, in which Daniel and Mary Bell, living in Washington, DC, sued for their freedom from slavery and won. After the slaveholder threatened to re-enslave Mary and their children, they participated in one of the largest escape attempts in American history, setting off for freedom to Philadelphia on a schooner called The Pearl. A reception with director, Dr. Kwakiutl Dreher will follow the film screening in 252 Sykes Student Union. Sponsored by The Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



For more info, contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos ([mceballos@wcupa.edu](mailto:mceballos@wcupa.edu)), 610-436-2308, <http://www.wcupa.edu/EthnicStudies/>

## MARCH

### March- Women's History Month Wednesday, March 1– Friday, March 31, 2023

Join us as we commemorate the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity on social media throughout the month to find more information and events for #WHM. Contact [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu) to find out how you or your organization can support Women's History Month at WCU.

### Frederick Douglass Institute's Lunch (En)Counter Series: See Red: Stop Violence against Women and Girls

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 | 12:00 Noon–1:00 PM | Zoom Webinar

Rapper Megan Thee Stallion in her testimony against rapper Tory Lantz said, "I wish he would have just shot and killed me, if I knew I would have to go through this torture." While Lantz was found guilty of shooting Megan, initially many commentators laughed and blamed the victim for the crime. Please join us for a panel that will contextualize why Black and indigenous women are blamed for crimes against them and the ways communities are combating violence against women and girls with their red campaigns. Q&A centers this program. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. Advance registration requested at [https://wcupa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mDU5SIK9R5OWalAypulavw](https://wcupa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mDU5SIK9R5OWalAypulavw). For more information contact Eleanor Shevlin at 610-436-1826 or [eshvlin@wcupa.edu](mailto:eshvlin@wcupa.edu).



## CURRENT ISSUES

### Abortion Is a Higher-Ed Issue

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 | 5:00 PM-7:00 PM | Sykes Theater

This talk will feature Katie Rose Guest Pryal, J.D., Ph.D. (she/hers), adjunct professor of law at the University of North Carolina School of Law and author of 15 books. Contact Dr. Joan Woolfrey for more information.

### WCU Wells School of Music Presents: Sounds of the Caribbean Friday, March 3, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Uptown Knauer Performing Arts Center

Shake off that winter chill by joining the WCU Latin Jazz and Steel Bands for a special concert of Caribbean music. The two student groups will also feature special guests and members of the Wells School of Music faculty. Come feel the heat of the Mambo, Merengue and Soca, or sway slowly to Calypso, Bolero and Bachata. February 2020's inaugural event was a sellout so buy your tickets now! Visit <https://uptownwestchester.org> for more information and ticket purchases.

### Tourism and Cosmopolitanism

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM | via Zoom



Robert Shepherd, seasoned tour leader and professor of anthropology at George

Washington University, discusses his volume, Cosmopolitanism and Tourism with Professor Michael A. Di Giovine. One of the primary motivations of travel—from cultural tourism to study abroad—is to cultivate "global citizenship" and a sense of cosmopolitanism. Yet this is also dependent on the culturally embedded, parochial, and particular world views which it rejects. Dr. Shepherd explores what a "global" consciousness means to people situated in different cultural landscapes and to what extent might these intersect with cosmopolitan values, as well as the ways in which social and economic class, race, educational background, and gender have have in cosmopolitan claims. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology of Tourism Author Conversation Series, moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club. To RSVP and receive the zoom invitation, email [LexTourism@gmail.com](mailto:LexTourism@gmail.com).

### WCU 33rd Annual Jazz Festival

Wednesday, March 22– Saturday, March 25, 2023

Join all of the school's ensembles, faculty and guest artists in a celebration of alumni and improvisatory music. For the schedule of events and complete details visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/music/jazzfest.aspx>. All concerts are free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music.

### Third Annual Gender Justice Conference

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 | All day | Sykes Student Union and via Zoom

The Center for Women & Gender Equity invites the campus community to the third Annual Gender Justice Conference. Our hope for the 3rd annual conference is to continue to examine the ways that all oppressions are intrinsically linked, and work to co-create an environment where transformative justice is possible, where everyone's safety is secured, and where everyone finds a space of connection and belonging. Additional information and registration can be found on RamConnect and [@wcu\\_cwge](https://www.instagram.com/wcu_cwge) on Instagram. For more information contact [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu).

### Trans Day of Visibility Friday, March 31, 2023

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we center and celebrate the spectrum of transgender identities, communities, and experiences. For more information, check out RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147.

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## APRIL

### April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month Friday, April 1– Sunday, April 30, 2023

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), an annual campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity throughout the month of April as we engage the campus community in advocacy work to end sexual violence in our community and support survivors. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity on social media throughout the month to find more information and events for #SAAM. Contact the [wcge@wcupa.edu](mailto:wcge@wcupa.edu) to find out how you or your organization can support Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

### Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month Event Series Saturday, April 1 – Sunday, April 30, 2023

Join the campus as we celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month through a series of programs/events. While APIDA Heritage Month is designated to take place in May nationally, it is celebrated at WCU in April. For more info about the APIDA Heritage Month calendar of events, please visit the Dowdy Multicultural Center website at <http://wcupa.edu/multicultural> or call (610) 436-3273

#### RAISE AWARENESS!

### National Day of Silence Friday, April 1, 2023

National Day of Silence is observed annually to raise awareness and to actively work towards eliminating harassment and bullying against LGBTQIA+ people. To learn more about this movement and for additional information, check out RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147.

### Community Organizing Through Art an evening with M. Carmen Lane Tuesday, April 4, 2023 | 6:30 PM– 8:00 PM | 168 Main Hall or via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3Gm303N>

M. Carmen Lane is a two-spirit African-American and Haudenosaunee (Mohawk/Tuscarora) artist, writer and facilitator. Lane's work ranges from experiential educator to diversity practitioner to organizational systems consultant to experimental artist—all of it integrates ancestry, legacy, and spirituality. Lane is founder and director of ATNSC: Center for Healing & Creative Leadership, an urban retreat center and social practice experiment in holistic health, leadership development, Indigenous

### Clothesline Project

Wednesday April 5, 2023 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM | The Academic Quad

Stand in solidarity with survivors of interpersonal violence (sexual assault, dating/ domestic violence, stalking). This living arts display was created by members of our community impacted by interpersonal violence since the 1990's. Walk through the display and/or leave a message to honor and support survivors and their loved ones. Additional information and registration can be found on RamConnect. For more information contact [wcge@wcupa.edu](mailto:wcge@wcupa.edu). Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

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arts and culture and the Akhsótha Gallery located in the historic Buckeye-Shaker neighborhood (Cleveland, OH). Sponsored by: Peace and Conflict Studies, The Art Department, The Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy, Rustin Urban Community Change Axis, The Poetry Center, The Center for Women and Gender Equity, The Philosophy Department, The Dowdy Multicultural Center, and The Women's and Gender Studies Department. For more information contact: Dr. Dean Johnson, (610) 430-4423 or [djohnson4@wcupa.edu](mailto:djohnson4@wcupa.edu).

### Brothers of Excellence Luncheon 2023 Saturday, April 8, 2023

Join us to connect and learn with other Men of Color! The annual Brothers of Excellence Conference provides college Men of Color with knowledge and community connections to:

- identify social issues that impacts Men of Color.
- explore their civic leadership roles in connection with their multiple identities.
- recognize resources (including outside resources) and individuals to create a sense of community of support on campus.
- build social capital and networking with other Men of Color.
- Lunch and prizes will be available. Space will be limited, and advance registration is required. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more information and to register visit: <http://wcupa.edu/multicultural> or contact Martin Lacayo at (610) 436-3260 or [mlacayo@wcupa.edu](mailto:mlacayo@wcupa.edu).

### A Conversation with Kristen Smith, author of Medical Tourism and Inequality in India: Hypercommodification of Healthcare Friday, April 14, 2023 | 10:00 AM | via Zoom

Anthropologist Kristen Smith (University of Melbourne, Australia) discusses her new book, *Medical Tourism and Inequality in India* with WCU Professor of Anthropology, Michael A. Di Giovine. Drawing on critical medical anthropology as well as health and human rights perspectives, Smith explores Indian private hospitals and their role in global healthcare service within various religious, social, cultural, historical, and political economic contexts. She

problematicizes the explosive growth of the Indian medical tourism industry and the commodification of the Indian healthcare system while locals face critical health issues and significant barriers to access. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology of Tourism Author Conversation Series, moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club. To RSVP and receive the zoom invitation email [LexTourism@gmail.com](mailto:LexTourism@gmail.com) or [mdigiovine@wcupa.edu](mailto:mdigiovine@wcupa.edu).

### FREEDOM JUSTICE FREE SPEECH

### Navigating Academic Freedom, Free Speech and Social Justice Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 4:00 PM-6:30 PM | via Zoom

Dr. Rachele Brunn-Bevel, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Fairfield University in Connecticut, will visit with WCU virtually for a presentation on "Navigating Academic Freedom, Free Speech and Social Justice," as well as a Q&A session to follow. Advanced registration is requested at <https://wcupa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEvd0mqqDMvGN3Lr6Wsz8nvDaC37hial0hB>. Contact Dr. Joan Woolfrey for more information.

### WCU Latin Jazz & Steel Band Spring Concert Friday, April 14, 2023 | 8:15 PM | Madeleine Wing Adler Theater

Join the Latin Jazz & Steel Drum Band in a spring concert featuring a wide variety of musical cultures. Directed by Dr. Marc Jacoby, these ensembles continually promise an enchanting evening of music. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music.

### BEST BUDDIES: BE OUR GUEST Sunday, April 23, 2023 | 3:00 PM | Sykes Theater

Best Buddies is an international organization that matches students with intellectual disabilities with their typically-developing peers to facilitate friendship. The WCU branch of Best Buddies puts on a talent show every semester to entertain the local WCU and Chester County community. The performers are members of Best Buddies and TDU, a local community theater group, founded by Teddy Diskin and family. This semester's theme is Be Our Guest. Come for an enjoyable afternoon of song, dance, and skits. FREE entry! No reservations needed; just come as you are [www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org) Contac: [KDoan@wcupa.edu](mailto:KDoan@wcupa.edu) for more information.

**It's On Us Week of Action****Monday, April 24 – Friday, April 28, 2023**

The mission of It's On Us is to build a movement to combat campus sexual assault by engaging all students, by activating the largest student organizing program of its kind in grassroots awareness and prevention education programs. Come learn more and sign the It's On Us Pledge. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity @wcu\_cwge on Instagram or @wcuCWGE on Facebook for more information or to get involved.

**Statesmen Jazz Ensemble and Student Combos****Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 8:15 PM | Madeleine Wing Adler Theater**

Opening the evening are WCU Student Combos in a variety of small-group improvisation. Combos meet weekly during the semester and are led by expert faculty. Join the Statesmen Jazz Ensemble for the second half featuring a broad selection of music from the canon of jazz and improvisatory literature. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music.

**LET'S CELEBRATE!****Lesbian Day of Visibility****Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we center and celebrate lesbian identities, communities, and experiences. For more information, check out RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147.

**Take Back the Night****Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 6:00 PM-9:00 PM | Starting at the Rammy Statue**

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity, student organizations and campus partners as we support those who have experienced harm, learn about resources, and express our desire for a safer campus community for us all. The event will include a march and speakout for survivors. More information to follow. To get involved, contact [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu).

**Take Back the Night - Alternative Event Community Space****Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Location TBD**

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a night of community connection and care.

**MAY****Combos Concert****Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 12:00 Noon | Ware Recital Hall**

Join us for the Jazz Division's participation in the Madeleine Wing Adler Concert Series. Three student combos will perform an afternoon concert. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music.

**EXPLORE**  
JOY THROUGH MUSIC**A Rebirth of Wonder****Friday, May 5, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Madeleine Wing Adler Theater**

Join Jonathan Ragonese and the Criterions Jazz Ensemble in an evening of exaltation. Showcasing a variety of music from the Criterions 100 year history, A Rebirth of Wonder will celebrate music that brings joy and intensity while showcasing the improvisatory exploration of the students. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music.

**Lavender Graduation****Friday, May 5, 2023 | Time TBD | Sykes Ballrooms**

Save the date! Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy in celebration of our trans and queer graduates. Lavender Graduation is a special ceremony for LGBTQIA+ graduating undergraduate and graduate students to acknowledge their achievements, contributions, and distinctive experiences at West Chester University. For more information, check out RamConnect at [ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA](http://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/CTQA), or contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu), or 610-436-3147.

**Kente Graduation Celebration May 2023****Thursday, May 11, 2023**

For more than 25 years, the Kente Graduation Celebration is an event that affirms and celebrates the cultural identity and accomplishments of students who identify as: Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black or African American, Caribbean American, Desi American, Latina/o/x, Native American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Multiracial at West Chester University. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center, Kente is a tradition that brings together the rich diversity of our community, in recognition of students of color and their accomplishments. Kente is a ticketed event. Please visit the [Dowdy Multicultural Center website](#) for more information as it becomes available.



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*Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available on request by calling the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at 610-436-2433. Please make your needs known as soon as possible, but no less than one week in advance of the event, to allow time to make the necessary arrangements.*

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