

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL

Explore the WCU Celebrates Diversity for All calendar which showcases programs led by WCU faculty, staff, and departments. Join us to learn, connect, and help strengthen our inclusive campus. Each event is designed to inform, inspire, and build our collective cultural competence and campus engagement. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2026

AUGUST

New Student Orientation Lunch hosted by the WCU Veterans Center

Wednesday, August 26

11:30 am

624 S. High Street

Come visit us at the veteran's center and learn about Military Benefits, Resources, and much more. (Free Lunch)



Rammy's Remix Back to School Cookout

August 27

5 pm – 8 pm

Rosedale Ave Basketball Courts

Start the semester with food, music, and community! Come connect with students, meet members of NPHC, MGC, and MOAB organizations, and learn about opportunities to get engaged on campus. Whether you're looking to make new friends, find your community, or just enjoy some good food and vibes, this is the place to be! Hosted by the Office of Student Engagement. Register via [Ram Connect](#)



Big Queer Welcome: Rodeo Edition

August 26

5pm – 7pm

Sykes Ballrooms

Giddy up, partners! The 4th Annual Big Queer Welcome is back, and this year we're heading to the Rodeo! Come say howdy to new faces and welcome back familiar ones as we kick off a new academic year together. Whether you're brand new to campus or returning, this is your space. We're bringing together LGBTQ+ students and allies to connect with campus partners, student orgs, and support resources, all over good food and great company.

See you there, cowpokes. Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy

SEPTEMBER



Sexy Bingo

September 2

7 pm – 9 pm

Sykes Ballrooms

This is not your grandparents' bingo! Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your inclusive sex education! Engage in conversations about health education and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes. Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. [Register here](#). For any questions, please email cwge@wcupa.edu.



Study Abroad Fair

September 9

11 am

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Each fall semester, the Global Engagement Office hosts the Study Abroad Fair on campus, offering students a chance to explore, global opportunities. Attendees can meet program directors and education abroad partners to learn about studying, interning, or volunteering abroad. Representatives from the WCU Passport Facility and other campus offices are also available to assist with the first steps toward their international experience.

Queer Ram Starter Pack

September 9

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

SECC Ballrooms

This event provides essential information on how LGBTQIA+ students can access resources through CTQA and across campus. Students will learn strategies for navigating the university throughout their time at WCU and the multiple ways to connect with allies for assistance. Each semester, an increasing number of students reach out for support without knowing how to navigate the institution. This event addresses that need directly. It also clarifies common myths and misunderstandings about how WCU supports the LGBTQIA+ community. The event includes free food, a resource fair, and plenty of opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions. For more information, email transandqueer@wcupa.edu

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The Journey Home Screening

September 10

6 pm

Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre

817 South High Street

West Chester, PA 19383

The Journey Home is a documentary film that explores the lived experiences of veterans, the impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and the vital role of community in healing. Hosted by the Veterans Center in Collaboration with The Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership



Memorial hosted by the WCU Students Veterans Group

Friday, September 11

9 am

Location: Academic Quad

All are welcome



N.I.C.E. Concert on the Quad

September 11

7 pm

Academic Quad

(Inclement weather location:

Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall)

Join the Criterions, the West Chester University Symphony Orchestra, and the WCU Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band for a showcase concert under the stars. This concert is a N.I.C.E. (Neuro-Inclusive Campus Environments) Concert and is open to all! For more information about this N.I.C.E. concert, please visit [our website](#). In the event of inclement weather, the performance will take place in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall. Hosted by the Wells School of Music

MILITARY APPRECIATION FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, September 12 | 6 pm

WCU Home game against IUP Crimson Hawks. Free tickets for all veterans please visit the WCU Veterans Center at 624 S. High Street to pick up. For more information, contact June Thompson at 610-430-5866

Listening Circles

September 14

5:30 pm

Brandywine 011

United to End Racism (UER) teaches simple peer listening tools to hold space for everyone to process thoughts and emotions in relation to various forms of oppression, with a goal of experiencing connection and better aligning our behaviors to face the challenge of bringing about a more just, solidaristic and joyful world. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members welcome. Open sessions; no advance sign up needed.

Monthly open sessions at Brandywine 011, Mondays 5:30 pm – 7 pm: Sept 14, Oct 26, Nov 16

Questions? Email mburns2@wcupa.edu or ebrown@wcupa.edu. RUCCAS



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15

Join WCU as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through various events and activities aimed at honoring the contributions and culture of Hispanic and Latino americans. For the calendar of events visit [here](#).

The Neurodiversity Landscape and Inclusive Employment

Wednesday, September 16

10 am – 11 am

This interactive workshop will provide a practical overview of the neurodiversity landscape, including key terminology, historical context, and current data shaping conversations around neuroinclusive employment. Participants will explore how neurodivergent experiences show up in the workplace, with attention to communication, sensory access, processing differences, and the design of work systems. The session will also address common myths and misconceptions about neurodivergent employees, while highlighting practical strategies employers can use to support hiring, retention, collaboration, and long-term workplace success. Attendees will leave with a stronger understanding of neurodiversity as both a human-centered and business-relevant area of workplace inclusion. Register using [this link](#).

Multicultural Mixer

Wednesday, September 16

12 pm – 1 pm

Dowdy Multicultural Center

Join the Dowdy Multicultural Center to celebrate the start of Latin Heritage Month! Don't miss out on the chance to learn more about the diverse Latin community! For more updates, follow the DMC Instagram account @dowdymc_wcu.

Into the Woods with CWGE & OAP



Thursday, September 17 – Monday, September 21

Adirondack Park, NY

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity and Outdoor Adventure Pursuits and head into the woods! On this 4-day trip, we'll cultivate community care, share outdoor adventure skills, and enjoy a beginner-friendly hike (or two!). Space is limited and advance registration is required [here](#). For questions, contact Center for Women & Gender Equity, Outdoor Adventure Pursuits, or email kwalden@wcupa.edu

MOAB Leadership Conference

Saturday, September 19

10 am – 5 pm

Sykes Student Union

The MOAB Leadership Conference is a leadership development experience designed for student leaders of multicultural organizations. The conference provides opportunities to build leadership skills, strengthen collaboration, share organizational best practices, and develop strategies for creating meaningful impact within their organizations and the WCU community. Registration will be available soon on RamConnect. For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu

18TH ANNUAL WCU LATINO/A/X COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE 2026:

250 Years of What?

Commemorating and Celebrating Latino/a/x Life in the U.S. and the Americas, Looking Back to Look Forward.

¿¡250 Años de qué?! Conmemorando y celebrando la vida Latino/a/x en los Estados Unidos y las Américas, Recordar el pasado para avanzar hacia el futuro.”

SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY 9/27–30/2026

West Chester University, Sykes Student Union,
110 W. Rosedale Ave., West Chester PA, 19383

Parking available in New Street Parking Garage,
corner with Nields St., for groups or parking fee
support, contact:

Megan Beachy, mbeachy657@wcupa.edu

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: Sunday, 9/27/26:

Register here for the Zoom link

**2:00pm – 3:30pm: Latinx Writing in Crip Space-
time (in Spanish) / “Escritura en tiempoespacio
disca”**

Hosts: Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum and guest speaker
Maria R. Palacios

An online creative writing workshop in Spanish for
disabled writers and their allies. Hosted by author and
filmmaker Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum with renowned
poet and Sins Invalid disability justice activist Maria R.
Palacios, also known as the Goddess on Wheels.

Explore creative writing in Spanish in a supportive crip
spacetime environment. For disabled and/or chronically
ill writers and their allies, at any stage of their writing
journey, from beginners to advanced, who want to
develop their creative voice in Spanish.

DAY 1: Monday 9/28/26:

Location: Sykes Ballroom A

**1:00pm – 3:00pm: Workshop for WCU Latin
Jazz Ensemble Class/Jam Session** (if not enrolled
in class, sign up with Professor Jacob Kelberman).

Host: Professor Jake Kelberman & Latin Jazz Ensem-
ble Students – Music from the Heart of the Andes!
Workshop with **SONQO**, internationally touring

performers bringing to life the various traditions
and music heard from Quechua and other Indige-
nous groups in the South American Mountains; and
Philly-based Chilean Musician and Music Educator,
Patricio Acevedo.

**3:30pm – 5pm: Latino/a/x Communities Con-
ference LAUNCH and WELCOME!**

Welcome! Bienvenidos! Music & Mingle – WCU
Latin Jazz Ensemble, **SONQO** & Philly musicians
performance. Host: Jake Kelberman.

Enjoy music, great company and refreshments – *dancing
shoes optional*...

8th Annual Global Hispanic Film Festival at WCU — Virtual Edition 2026!

The festival is virtual with some in-person events
TBA. Each film streams for a week. Free registration
and event info will be on our website [our website](https://www.wcupa.edu/global-hispanic-film-festival)

**Festival dates are September 28 - November
2, 2026. See [WCU website](https://www.wcupa.edu/global-hispanic-film-festival) for more details.**

**Paralleling the conference this entire week
September 28 - October 4, 2026:**

“Home is Somewhere Else.” Home Is Some-
where Else shares the rich complexity of the
emotional experiences of immigrant children and
families to better understand and empathize with
them. It invites discussion about the need for a new
US migratory model based on respect for human
rights for all. For more information about the film,
[click here](#)

An estimated 11 million undocumented migrants
are living in the United States under the constant
threat of sudden deportation. What is it like to
grow up in such a situation?

In this documentary animation, three young
immigrants tell their stories. Voiced by the actual
children and their families, the stories are woven
together by spoken word poet José Eduardo
Aguilar, also known as Lalo “El Deportee,” the film’s
host and MC.

For more information contact: Dr. Iliana
Pagán-Teitelbaum, ipagan@wcupa.edu or Dr. Tia
Malkin-Fontecchio, tmalkin@wcupa.edu

DAY 2: Tuesday 9/29/26:

LOCATION: Sykes Ballroom A

**8:30 – 9:30am: Registration, Coffee and continen-
tal breakfast**

**9:30am – 10:45am: Why is the US attacking
immigrant communities? Sociohistorical
Psychology and the geopolitics of empire
decline.”** Dr. Curry Malott, WCU Education Founda-
tions and Policy Studies. Host: Dr. Leon Arredondo.

**11:00am – 12:15pm: Solito-Solita reflections
and discussion** by WCU Students and in live
discussion with authors of the book via Zoom on a
collection of 15 narratives, by Dr. Steven Mayers, an
English professor at City College of San Francisco,
and Jonathan Freedman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning
journalist, offer readers oral histories told by some
of the “thousands of children... trekking from Cen-
tral America to El Norte.” Host: Dr. Ana Sanchez.

**12:30-1:45pm: Mayuri Mendoza, Author of Book:
Duelo Polizón** - (Session in Spanish, interpretation
provided via interpreter and headphones). Venezuelan
immigrant and author will present her newly published
book about her and other immigrants experiences of
loss and rebuilding in the US. Hosts: Dr. Linda Stevenson
and Dr. Ana Sanchez.

**2-3:30pm: Featured Keynote Speaker #1: Belong-
ing on Whose Terms: Latino Students and the
Contradictions of Education in Chester County.
Citlalli Ramirez**, WCU Educational Foundations and
Policy Studies student and teacher in Kennett Square
School District. Host: Dr. Curry Malott.

**4:00pm to 5:30pm: Featured Keynote Speaker
#2: Building Communities of Resistance and
Resilience in Complicated Times: Local Responses
to Issues. Nina Guzman**, Phoenixville Alianzas -
Founder and Executive Director, and Phoenixville
Liberation Center, TBD. Hosts: Dr. Curry Malott and
Dr. Linda Stevenson.

**6:00pm – 8:00pm: LOCATION: Sykes Theater,
ground floor. Film Screening “The Most Beautiful
Deaths in the World.”** English and Spanish with
English subtitles. Film is through the eyes of artists from
the Salvadoran diaspora and about their personal and
community transformation rebuilding their lives after
fleeing the civil war in El Salvador.

Post-screening Discussion with Film Producers Quique
Aviles and Ellie Walton. Hosts: Dr. Tia Malkin-Fontecchio.

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**DID YOU KNOW, THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND
COMPLIANCE MAINTAINS A CALENDAR OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
AND OBSERVANCES? FOR COMPLETE DETAILS VISIT [OUR WEBSITE](https://www.wcupa.edu/equal-opportunity).**

DAY 3: Wednesday 9/30/26

LOCATION: Sykes 115

8:00–9am: Registration, Coffee and continental breakfast

9:00am–10:15am: *[tentative – documentary TBA on/by Indigenous peoples & discussion]* Host: Dr. Leon Arredondo and Dr. Tia Malkin-Fontecchio.

11:00am–12:15pm: *La Lucha* (The Struggle) Part I: - Kennett Square Migrant Farm Workers Battle for a Union to Defend Labor Rights: Panel Presentation of Project with Luis Tlaseca, John Lavin, Janet amighi. Hosts: Dr. Leon Arredondo & Dr. Linda Stevenson.

12:30pm–1:45pm: *La Lucha Sigue* (The Struggle Continues) Part II: - How are local migrant workers and their families experiencing labor rights (or the lack thereof) in recent years? Guest panelists TBA. Host: Dr. Linda Stevenson.

2:00pm–3:15pm: Immigration Issues Part I: The “Bring Carlos Home” from ICE Detention Story of Community Resilience in Action – Wife/Teacher/Coordinator of ELL, Upper Merion School District, Mrs. Angela Della Valle and community leaders TBA. Host: Linda Stevenson.

3pm–4:15pm: Sykes Theater –Immigration Issues Part II: Legal Pathways, Human Consequences: Immigration Policy Past and Present. WCU History Professor Tia Malkin-Fontecchio – Overview of Immigration Policies in the U.S.; and Kennett Square Immigration Lawyer Nancy Ayllon-Ramirez on recent changes. Host: Dr. Miguel Ceballos.

4:45pm–6:30pm: Latino/a/x Leadership in Local Politics: What’s at stake in the Fall 2026 Elections? Sykes 115.

Nelly Jimenez-Arevalo, Director - Immigrant Affairs, Montgomery County Commissioners Office; and other State and local political leaders TBA.

Host: Dr. Linda Stevenson.

**MORE LATINO/A/X COMMUNITIES EVENTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING
OVER THE COURSE OF THE 2026-2027 YEAR! STAY TUNED!!**

The Society & MFC Mixer

September 22, 2026

3 pm – 4:30 pm

Join the Society and the Multicultural Faculty Commission for an opportunity to connect with colleagues, build community, and celebrate the start of the academic year. The Welcome Mixer will be held in Club 1871. Registration is encouraged but not required. More information coming soon.

Reimagining Banana Day: A Political, Economic, Colonial, and Environmental Review of Banana Cultivation

September 23

12 pm

255 A/B Sykes Student Union

Professors tanya thames taylor and Tia Malkin-Fontecchio, as part of the Office of Sustainability’s long-running Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar, delve into the environmental, social, and economic impacts of banana cultivation in Central and South america, raising important topics as the WCU community celebrates Banana Day every spring. Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability.

Latinx Writing in Crip Spacetime (in Spanish) /

**“Escritura en tiempoespacio disca”
Latinx Communities
Pre-Conference Workshop
September 27**

2 pm

Online

An online creative writing workshop in Spanish for disabled writers and their allies. Hosted by author and filmmaker Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum with renowned poet and Sins Invalid disability justice activist Maria R. Palacios, also known as the Goddess on Wheels as part of the 18th Annual WCU Latino/a/x Communities Conference 2026. Explore creative writing in Spanish in a supportive crip spacetime environment. For disabled and/or chronically ill writers and their allies, at any stage of their writing journey, from beginners to advanced, who want to develop their creative voice in Spanish. Registration is required and can be found [here](#).

8th Annual WCU Global Hispanic Film Festival 2026

September 28

The event spans 5 weeks from Sept. 28 to Nov. 2, 2026. Both online and some in-person events.

The 8th Annual Global Hispanic Film Festival at WCU (directed by West Chester University professors Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum and co-directed by Dr. Tia Malkin-Fontecchio) is a chance to see award-winning international films and get to know Spanish-speaking regions across Latin America, the Caribbean, the US, Europe, and Africa during Hispanic Heritage Month. Each film will be available in an online screening room for a week, with some in-person events, September 28 to November 2, 2026. The festival is free and open to the public, all films are subtitled in English.

Free registration and event info will be on our [website](#)

Please include our festival films in your syllabi and/or semester plans!

Festival dates are September 28 - November 2, 2026, with the following film calendar:

September 28–October 4, 2026.
Antarctica – Domain One (Antártida - Dominio Uno). Joaquín Azulay, Julián Azulay / Argentina / 2025 / 94 min. TOPICS: ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, ADVENTURE. More information about the film is [available here](#)

October 5–October 11, 2026. A Wolf among Swans (Um lobo entre os cisnes) Marcos Schechtman, Helena Varvaki / Brazil / 2025. TOPICS: DANCE, CLASS, RACE. More information about the film is [available here](#)

October 12–October 18, 2026. Artificial Justice (Justicia Artificial) Simón Casal / Spain / 2024. TOPICS: TECHNOLOGY, ETHICS, JUSTICE, AI. More information about the film is [available here](#)

October 19–October 25, 2026. Finlandia (Horacio Alcalá / Mexico, Spain / 2021 / 97 min) TOPICS: FASHION, GENDER, TRANS RIGHTS. More information about the film is [available here](#)

October 26–November 2, 2026. Aztec Batman: Clash of Empires (Batman Azteca: Choque de Imperios) Juan Meza-León / Mexico, United States / 2025 TOPICS: SUPERHERO, RESISTANCE, CONQUEST. More information about the film is [available here](#)

OCTOBER

Languages and Cultures Day

October 6

10 am – 2 pm

Lawn outside of Mitchell Hall

An outdoor fair to explore the languages offered at West Chester University as well as the cultures/nations in which those languages are spoken. Languages and Cultures department.

Sexy Bingo Remixed

October 19

7 pm – 9:30 pm

Sykes Ballrooms

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your inclusive sex education! Remixed edition includes additional terminology. Engage in conversations about sexuality and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes.



Pumpkin Patch Palooza

October 10

10 am – 12 pm

Linvilla Orchards

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fall day at the Orchards sponsored by the Justamere Foundation. Decorate pumpkins, enjoy lunch and the sights and sounds of fall on the farm. Registration is capped at 75. Please register [here](#). For any questions, please email cwge@wcupa.edu

Annual Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste/ Frederick Douglass Institute Lecture

October 20

3 pm

Philips Autograph Library

In this lecture, the speakers will explore Frederick Douglass's enduring belief that education is the pathway to freedom, drawing connections between Douglass's pursuit of knowledge, the lifelong learning journey of community. Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste, and the responsibilities of students today. Through historical reflection and contemporary insight, the presentation highlights how education empowers individuals to think critically, challenge injustice, and shape their own futures. For more information contact the Frederick Douglass Institute at fdouglass@wcupa.edu.



2026 PASSHE Summit

October 28-29, 2026

Meeting the Moment Together:

Transformation Through Resilience, Access, and Innovation

HYBRID SUMMIT
In-person events at Kutztown University with online, virtual options

KUTZTOWN
UNIVERSITY

This year's theme, *Meeting the Moment Together: Transformation through Resilience, Access, and Innovation*, encourages participants to explore how higher education can respond to today's challenges and opportunities by fostering innovation, expanding access, strengthening resilience, and creating supportive environments for both students and employees.

PASSHE Summit: October 28-29, 2026

Call for Proposals - Deadline September 10, 2026

Registration: Now Open

Ruby Jones Conference

October 30

9 am – 2 pm

Sykes Student Union

Open to all students, the Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice and Civic Leadership is designed to create an educational environment where students can engage in learning that raises awareness and promotes action-oriented dialogue about racial, cultural, and social issues that impact their experiences across the campus, in communities, and in society. Registration will be available on RamConnect. For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu

Multicultural Mixer

November 18

12 pm – 1 pm

Dowdy Multicultural Center

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, join us at the Dowdy Multicultural Center's Monthly Mixer. This is a great opportunity to come and meet new people and engage in healthy conversations. No registration is required. For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu



Trans Night of Remembrance

November 20

6 pm

Unitarian Congregation of West Chester

501 South High Street

West Chester, PA 19382

Trans Night of Remembrance honors transgender people who lost their lives to violence this year. We gather to say their names, hold space for grief, and stand together as a community. The event is a night for reflection and support. Names of the victims will be read aloud, and an open-mic space will be provided. While the event's focus is remembrance, it's also a space for community building and advocacy. All are welcome to come together in a safe space to mourn, pay their respects, and find strength in our communities. Hosted by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, & various community organizations.

NOVEMBER

Sisterhood Social

November 10

6 pm – 8:30 pm

Sykes Ballrooms

Open to all, join us for an evening of sisterhood. The Sisterhood Social Event intends to amplify the experience of women and femmes of color through networking, fellowship, and a panel of professionals in diversified fields. Dinner will be served. Hosted by the Center for Women and Gender Equity and the Dowdy Multicultural Center. Advanced registration is highly encouraged. [Register here](#)



November is Native American Heritage Month, a chance to celebrate Native voices, stories, and history. Join us for events throughout the month that highlight and honor Indigenous history. For the calendar of events [click here](#).

December



29th Annual Fall Kente Celebration

December 10 • 6 pm
Hollinger Field House

The Dowdy Multicultural Center is excited to host the 29th Annual Fall Kente Celebration! Created in the fall of 1992, the Kente Celebration is a true West Chester University tradition in which participants are publicly recognized and presented with a special stole as a symbol of their achievement. Registration will be available soon on RamConnect. For questions, please contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu

COMING SOON

MLK Commemoration 2027

more information to come

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DIVERSITY CALENDAR WEBPAGE
HERE FOR UPDATES ON PROGRAMS
THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER.**

**THIS CALENDAR SERVES AS A
SNAPSHOT OF THE DIVERSE EVENTS
HAPPENING ACROSS CAMPUS. THE
CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS A WIDE
RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS,
AND INITIATIVES ORGANIZED BY
VARIOUS CAMPUS DEPARTMENTS AND
ORGANIZATIONS, SHOWCASING THE
VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS
COMMUNITY.**



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2026

Accessibility for Everyone Web & Digital Accessibility

At West Chester University, accessibility is an important part of our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Accessible websites, documents, videos, and course materials help ensure that everyone can fully engage with the WCU experience. WCU provides training, tools, and support to help faculty and staff create digital content that is accessible to all users.

Accessibility Starts with Small, Yet Significant Actions

- Use descriptive links and headings
- Add alternative text to images
- Ensure sufficient color contrast
- Caption videos and multimedia
- Create screen reader-friendly documents
- These practices improve the experience for EVERYONE, and are essential for those using assistive technologies.

WCU Resources

The Teaching & Learning Center offers accessibility guidance, training opportunities, consultations, and access to tools such as YuJa Panorama to support the creation of accessible digital content.

[Learn more](#)

One Herd, All Access

For a comprehensive list of requirements and resources, visit the University's [Web and Digital Accessibility Website](#)

Equity in Action Program

This academic year, the Office of Equal Opportunity & Compliance is proud to offer the Equity in Action Program, a featured learning opportunity within the Institute for Cultural Competence & Inclusive Excellence

Designed for faculty and staff who want to strengthen their ability to foster belonging and inclusion, this six-session program provides practical strategies that can be applied immediately in classrooms, offices, meetings, events, and everyday interactions. Participants will engage with topics such as:

- Recognizing and addressing bias
- Understanding microaggressions and their impact
- Using inclusive language to build belonging
- Creating accessible and welcoming environments
- Equity and compliance essentials
- Navigating difficult conversations

The program will be offered throughout the 2026-2027 academic year, with a combination of in-person and virtual sessions to accommodate a variety of schedules. Space is limited. Interested in participating? Complete the interest form to receive program updates, session dates, and registration information. The deadline to register is Friday, October 9, 2026. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

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