

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION 2025

Wilkes University

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

9 AM - REGISTRATION, 1ST FLOOR CONCOURSE, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Check in to start your orientation experience! Head over to the McHale Athletic Center - student guides will be available - where continental breakfast and refreshments will be provided.

9:45 AM - WELCOME SESSION, MCHALE ATHLETIC CENTER

Welcome to orientation! Wilkes University President, Dr. Greg Cant, will welcome students and guests.

10 AM - STUDENT DISMISSAL

Student Orientation Coordinator, Samara Carey, will welcome students and guests, introduce the team of 2025 e-Mentors and provide instructions to students for the remainder of the day.

STUDENTS

10:20 AM - SOCIALIZE THE WILKES ADVENTURE EDUCATION, MARTS GYMNASIUM

Get to know your fellow Colonels and future classmates during this exciting tradition hosted by Wilkes Adventure Education!

11:30 AM - MEET YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR - GROUP ADVISING SESSIONS, ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS - SEE YOUR NAME TAG FOR LOCATION

Meet your advisor! Hear what your fall semester will look like and schedule your individual appointment with your advisor at this time.

FAMILIES

10:20 AM - EMPOWER & SUPPORT: STRIKING A BALANCE FOR YOUR STUDENT'S COLLEGE SUCCESS, MCHALE ATHLETIC CENTER

Learn how to support your students in their newest adventure. Practical advice on the ins and outs of college life, such as support during the transition to college, access to Wilkes news and events, etc. Work as a team to conquer the anxiety of the first semester!

11 AM - BREAK, SECOND FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Enjoy a short break with refreshments before the next session. Refreshments will be available on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

11:15 AM - SETTING YOUR STUDENT UP FOR SUCCESS, JEAN AND PAUL ADAMS COMMONS, SECOND FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Gain insights from various departments on helping your student transition successfully to life at the University. A panel of staff from Campus Counseling, the Office of Academic Success, the Center for Career Development and Internships and University Police will share strategies for supporting your student in this interactive Q & A session.

FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - LUNCH, THIRD FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Rejoin your family/guests/student for lunch in Henry's Dining Hall to enjoy lunch.

12:30 - 1:30 PM - RESOURCE FAIR, FIRST FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Once you have finished lunch, head downstairs to visit with campus resources that can help you prepare for the fall semester.

*1 - 4:30 PM - INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS, VARIOUS CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Individual appointments will be scheduled during the (11:30AM) Meet Your Academic Advisor Group Advising Session by each academic advisor.

1:45 - 2:15 PM - GROW, CONNECT, CELEBRATE!, FARLEY 002, FARLEY LIBRARY

Join the Office of Diversity Initiatives to learn how our programs and services support you throughout your Wilkes experience to grow, connect and celebrate you!

OR

1:45 - 2:20 PM - FINANCIAL AID & BURSAR INFORMATION, STARK LEARNING CENTER 105

Learn valuable details about your tuition bill, payment options, and financial aid.

2:30 - 3 PM - RESIDENCE LIFE INFO SESSION, STARK LEARNING CENTER 105

Hear from the Office of Residence Life to learn about living on campus, residence hall expectations and more!

OR

2:30 - 3 PM- COMMUTER LIFE INFO SESSION, FARLEY 002, FARLEY LIBRARY

Hear from the Wilkes University Commuter Council leadership and their staff advisor to learn about commuting to campus, parking and more!

3 PM - FIRST FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Stick around for the best part of the day! Three winners from the day's scavenger hunt will be chosen at 3pm. You must be present to win! Students will be wrapping up the programmed portion of the day. While you wait for your student, feel free to grab some refreshments, visit the Colonel's Corner Bookstore, stop by the Career Center (located just steps away from the rear doors of the Henry Student Center. Look for the yellow hand chair!) and get to know some of the other parents and families. Thank you for joining us for orientation!

*1 PM through 4:30 PM - Individual appointments will be scheduled during the (11:30AM) Meet Your Academic Advisor Group Advising Session by each academic advisor.

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MEET YOUR e-MENTORS!

WHO ARE THE e-MENTORS?

The Wilkes University e-Mentoring Program provides first-year students with one-on-one and small group access to students who have been in their shoes before! This unique Wilkes experience through mentorship aids new Colonels in their transition to college and aims to provide an extraordinary supportive environment for academic excellence and personal growth. An effective mentor understands that their role is to be dependable, engaged, authentic and tuned in to the needs of the mentee.



ABBY MALIN She/Her Psychology



ADAM BUTTERWICK He/Him Mechanical Engineering



ADRIANNA AZIZ She/Her Pharmacy



ANTHONY KEHS
He/Him
Communication and
Media Studies



BECCA EARNST She/Her Marketing



CALEB GIBSON
He/Him
Digital Design
and Media Arts



CASSIE MCGINLEY
She/Her
Pharmacy



DANIEL WILLIAMSHe/Him
Mechanical Engineering



DIALLA YOWAKIM She/Her Pharmacy



EGHOSA WASHINGTON He/Him Pharmacy



GAVIN EYERLY He/Him Pharmacy



GIGI RUGGIERO She/Her Digital Design and Media Arts



IRWIN JIMENEZ MELO He/Him Pharmacy



JOHN TONDORA He/Him Biology



JUSTIN KREBS He/Him Mechanical Engineering



KAILEY VOGEL She/Her English/History



KARMAN KAUR She/Her Pharmacy



KIM WHEELER She/Her Pharmacy



KOTA BROWN They/Them Psychology



MADISON ASKEW She/Her Criminology



MARA ADAMS She/Her Mechanical Engineering



MATT TRBUZA He/Him Pharmacy



MIRO CLASS He/Him Biochemistry



MORGAN SCHNELL She/Her Biochemistry/ Neuroscience



OWEN WARD He/Him Nursing



PAIGE FROST
They/Them
Psychology/Sociology/
Criminology



SAMARA CAREY She/Her Communication and Media Studies



SHIV PATEL He/Him Chemistry/Neuroscience



VANESSA COYLE She/Her Sports Management

HOW DOES THE E-MENTOR PROGRAM WORK?

The mentoring experience continues into Welcome Weekend and throughout the entire fall semester. e-Mentors provide information and resources available to students as they adjust to the University and college life, establishing a climate of trust, support and encouragement. e-Mentors communicate regularly with their mentees, but are not limited to electronic communication. Students often meet face-to-face for lunch or coffee, and mentee groups may attend campus events together as well.

PLAY TO WIN! ORIENTATION SCAVENGER HUNT!

Tap into your competitive side and play a campus' wide scavenger hunt! Scan a Suitable code at each session you attend to be entered into a drawing at the end of your day here at Wilkes. The more sessions you attend, the more chances you have to win! Talk to your e-Mentor the morning of orientation to plan out your day and to gain more information on this competition.

MUST BE PRESENT AT 3 PM TO WIN!



DOWNLOAD SUITABLE!

Suitable is your guide to experiences outside the classroom! You will complete activities and engage in experiences that will broaden your perspective, enhance your professional skills and define your personal values. It is recommended to check the Suitable app each week to view upcoming events and find tasks to complete. With each event check-in and completed task, you will earn points that just may land you a spot on our monthly leaderboard!

Download the Suitable mobile app from your phone's app store, or go to app.suitable.co on a desktop.

- 1. Login with your University email address and password.
- 2. Allow notifications from the Suitable app.
- 3. Ensure that you give the app access to your camera.

Questions? Contact **studentdev@wilkes.edu** or **support@suitable.co**.

CHECK OUT THE RESOURCE FAIR

(FIRST FLOOR OF HENRY STUDENT CENTER, 12:30 - 1:30 PM)

- · Academic Success
- Air Force ROTC/Army ROTC
- Bonner Leader/Civic Engagement
- · Bursar's Office
- Center for Career Developement & Internships
- · Commuter Council
- Counseling
- Dining Services
- Esports
- Financial Aid
- · Health & Wellness
- · Honors & Scholars Program

- Information Technology
- · Multicultural Student Coalition
- · Office of Diversity Initiatives
- Parent & Family Portal
- PNC Bank
- Pre-Health Advising
- · Programming Board
- · Residence Life/Residence Hall Council
- · Student Government
- University Police & Parking
- Work Study
- Writing Center

GET SOCIAL!

BE IN THE KNOW BEFORE THE SEMESTER BEGINS! CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR MOST POPULAR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS:

@WILKESU

To keep up with special guests on campus, student spotlights and other campus happenings, make sure to follow the official Instagram account for Wilkes University. You'll be kept up to date on just about everything you can think of, from upcoming performances, new academic opportunities and more.

@WILKESCOLONELS

Are you already looking forward to showing your Colonel spirit at Wilkes sporting events? You'll definitely want to follow Wilkes University Colonels for all things athletics. This account promotes our Players of the Week, shares weekly game schedules throughout the year and highlights all the amazing things our student-athletes are doing.

WILKES MEGA COUNCIL (check out page 26 for more)

@WILKESSG - Student Government

@WILKESUPB - Programming Board

@WILKES_MSC - Multicultural Student Coalition

@WILKES_COMMUTER - Commuter Council

WILKES RHC - Residence Hall Council

@WILKESU_DIVERSITY

Here at Wilkes, we strive to emphasize inclusivity among our students from all cultures and experiences; the Center for Global Education and Diversity Iniatives does an incredible job at showing it! To stay informed on guest speaker events, themed coffee hours and informational sessions covering a wide variety of topics, make sure to keep up on Instagram.

@WILKESU_STUDEV

You'll never be bored on campus thanks to the lineup of trips and surprises planned by the Office of Student Development! By following along, you'll be the first to know about the next bus trip to NYC, pop-up scavenger hunt, acro-yoga session or tee shirt giveaway in the Henry Student Center. Don't miss out!

@WILKESDINING

Yes, our Dining Services department is active on Instagram! The dining hall is known for holding holiday-themed specials, pop-up dessert stations and other delicious surprises. Check in frequently for specialty menus and other helpful information!

@WILKESUFIRSTDOG

Get ready to meet Walter, the "First Dog" of Wilkes University! When he's not sharing his latest adventures on Instagram, you can find him taking a morning walk with President Cant or bringing the energy to an event on campus. He's super friendly, so make sure to say hello!



ACCESS YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

To see your fall semester schedule after you've scheduled your classes with your advisor, visit the Wilkes Portal (portal.wilkes.edu) and follow these steps:

- 1. Log on to your portal
- 2. Click on "Student"
- 3. Click on "Student Services"
- 4. Click on "Classes and Schedules"
- 5. Then, you can view your schedule in either block or detail format.

Block Format: a visual option for viewing your schedule. It allows you to see apps between your classes and also list the class sections, times and meeting locations.

Detail Format: will tell you your classes in a list display. In addition to the class information that block format shows, the detailed format will also tell you to the professor, amount of credits and status of the class.

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BLOCK FORMAT Previous Week Week of May 08, 2023 (174 of 174)



DETAIL FORMAT

Associated Term:	Spring 2023			
CRN:	10556			
Status:	**Web Registered** on Oct 30, 2022			
Assigned Instructo	r: Douglas S. Martin@)		
Grade Mode:	Normal Grading Mode			
Credits:	3.000			
Level:	Undergraduate			
Campus:	Main			
Scheduled Meeting	Times			
Type Time	Days Where Date Range		Schedule Type Instructors	
Class 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm T Breiseth Hal		018 Jan 17, 2023 - May 13, 2023 Lecture		Douglas S Martin (P)

LIVE/D2L

D2L, or LIVE, as it is also known, is a website very important to Wilkes students. This is where you can view your classes, read announcements from professors, submit papers, take quizzes, access class resources and information and much more!

Make sure to familiarize yourself with LIVE before your first day of class to ensure you know how to navigate it once the semester begins. You can access your own account at **live.wilkes.edu.** Your username and password are the same as your login credentials for the Wilkes Portal.

Watch out for a LIVE/D2L session led by the e-Mentors during Welcome Weekend. They'll walk you through the platform and answer any questions you may have!

DINING LOCATIONS

HENRY'S DINING HALL - Exceptional food, employees and environments are at the heart of Henry's Dining Hall. We're serving a diverse international menu with frequent seasonal menu changes.

RIFKIN CAFE - Freshly prepared sandwiches, burgers and chicken sandwiches await you at Burgers + Fries (B+F) and Which Wich!

STARK LEARNING CENTER - Home to Greens to Go and the P.O.D. Market.

- **GREENS TO GO** Featuring a selection of seasonal salad greens, toppings, proteins, and gourmet dressings for salads and wraps, our salad experts will carefully craft your selection to your exact specifications.
- **P.O.D. MARKET** Combines the neighborhood corner store with modern conveniences right in the heart of campus. The P.O.D. market also features grab n' go options for breakfast, lunch and dinner, including sushi!

STARBUCKS AT GAMBINI'S - Enjoy hand-crafted espresso beverages, refreshers, teas and delicious pastries and sandwiches! We accept Starbucks gift cards, too.

Resident students select their meal plans at the time of completing their housing contract. To purchase a commuter meal plan, visit the **Wilkes Portal**. In the portal, select Student Services, then Housing and Dining. If you are a commuter and wish to purchase a Colonel plan, send your emailed request to **studentmeals@wilkes**. edu. For more information, view our dining provider website and/or contact us by phone at **570-408-3993** or by email at **studentmeals@wilkes.edu**.

COME JOIN THE FOOD ADVISORY BOARD (FAB)!

FAB is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas with Wilkes Dining Services, help improve the dining experience and be first to know about upcoming themes and special events. We meet three times per semester over lunch – bring your friends and your appetite. We'd love to hear from you!



DINING FAQS

What plans are offered to commuter students?

Commuter students may choose from the Colonel plans offered to resident students, add only Dining Dollars/Flex Dollars to their account or choose a Commuter Meal Plan. All Commuter Meal Plans are available for purchase on the Wilkes Portal page under Student Services.

How do I keep track of the amount of Dining/Flex Dollars I have left?

You may check your dining/flex balance using the GET Mobile: ID Card Management app at any time. Also, any dining services cashier will be able to tell you what your current balance is, or you may email **studentmeals@wilkes.edu** with your request.

If all of the Dining/Flex Dollars are not used at the end of the semester, can they be carried over to the next semester?

Unused Dining/Flex Dollars will be carried over from the Fall semester to the Spring semester, but are not carried over to the next academic year. At the end of the spring semester, all unused Dining/Flex dollars will be eliminated and are not refunded.

MAKE WILKES YOUR HOME!

COMMUTER LIFE

GETTING TO KNOW OTHER COMMUTERS

COMMUTER COUNCIL

Commuter Council is made up of officers and members all working towards the common goal of ensuring a fun commuter life and keeping you involved with campus happenings. All members are commuters, whether traveling from a nearby off-campus apartment or miles away. Topics such as parking for all the students on campus, socials and fundraising events and community service opportunities are just a few of the many things that Commuter Council takes on. The Council works closely with the Office of Academic Success, Student Government and the other Mega-Councils. Commuter Council organizes social and educational activities. Meetings will be posted at the beginning of each semester and will take place in the Commuter Lounge.

THE COMMUTER LOUNGE

The Commuter Lounge is located in the basement of the Eugene S. Farley Library. Students need to use their Wilkes ID to access the room. Hours for the lounge are 7 AM - 10 PM. The Lounge provides a place for students to hang out in between classes and provides resources: two large conference style tables, three computers, a printer, dry-erase board, coffee and tea station and a mini-fridge.

COMMUTER TIPS

WILKES ALERTS

Be sure to sign up for the Wilkes Emergency Alert on your phone. Students can sign up by logging onto their portal and clicking the red Emergency Notification System box on the right side of the screen. Follow the instructions to receive notifications about weather-related closings and other announcements.

ALWAYS BE PREPARED

CONSIDER KEEPING IN YOUR CAR:

- Umbrella
- lce scraper/small snow shovel
- Hoodie/Jacket
- Change of clothes/shoes
- Phone charger
- Snacks/water bottle
- Tissues
- Blanket

OTHER COMMUTER ADVICE:

- Check your email before leaving to come to campus in case one
 of your classes gets canceled, a professor sends a time-sensitive
 announcement, etc.
- Make sure to leave with extra time when coming to campus.
 Account for how long it takes to find a parking spot, walk through campus and get to your classroom.
- Breaks between classes can be used for events, studying or down-time.
- Join clubs and organizations to get involved and find what you like to do.
- Check out all of the local spots to eat.

PARENT AND FAMILY PORTAL

Wilkes University has a great way to stay involved with your student and receive news from our school. Sign up for our parent portal using the QR code, if you are not signed up already. This portal is your one-stop shop for access to important campus news and deadlines, personalized newsletters on your schedule, announcements via email and more.

RESIDENCE LIFE

I'M MOVING IN! WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Save space for yourself and your roommate by packing only the essentials. Here are some things you will want to consider when packing up in August:

CONSIDER BRINGING:

- Bathrobe
- Bedding (sheets twin XL, blankets, pillows)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Command/3M Strips
- Computer
- Desk Lamp
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Garbage Can
- Hangers

- Laundry Supplies (basket, detergent, etc.)
- Microwave (strongly encourage to rent)
- Shower Tote
- Snacks
- Surge-Protected Power Strip
- TV
- Towels
- Umbrella
- Vacuum

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:

- X Air Conditioners
- X Beer Pong and other alcohol paraphernalia
- X Dart Boards
- X Electric Blankets
- X Extension Cords
- X Pets
- X Wick Burning Candles
- X Toaster Ovens
- X Other small appliances (air fryers, instant pots, blenders, etc...)

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Worried about navigating residence life? We're here to help.

Resident Assistants (RAs) are assigned to each mansion or area of a residence hall to work directly with you, the residents. An RA is an undergraduate student who is trained in issues of crisis and conflict management, listening and mentoring to help you navigate college life. They are experiencing college life with you, so reach out.

Residence Life Coordinators are professional staff members experienced in helping college students develop in their time on campus. These full-time staff members live and work in the halls to develop a community that will help you be successful. They supervise the RAs and work with facilities to make sure everything is working correctly in your room. Here are some important contacts to keep handy:

CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF reslife@wilkes.edu 570-408-4350 wilkes.edu/reslife

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE Nicole Langan nicole.langan1@wilkes.edu

570-408-4354

If you have any concerns, please visit our office on the second floor of the **Max Roth Center**.



EDDIE'S MAILROOM

Eddie's Mailroom provides a wide range of shipping solutions, from First Class postage stamps to Priority and Media Mail, as well as UPS and USPS services. Our experienced staff is here to guide you in choosing the shipping option that best fits your needs

We're also a convenient pre-paid drop-off location for USPS, FedEx and UPS. Simply bring your package to the front window, and we'll make sure it gets to the right carrier for you.

Residents will be assigned a unique 'mailbox' number, which will be provided along with their room keys. This number will be used to identify your mail and packages, but no physical mailboxes will be used. You will receive an email notification once your mail or package has been received at the Mailroom. Mail can be picked up at Eddie's Mailroom, located on the second floor of the Henry Student Center, between 8:30 AM - 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Please have your ID card ready when picking up your mail.

Due to the high volume of mail and packages received daily, all items must be sent to the University address listed below. Physical addresses for the residence halls should not be used. Using the incorrect address may result in delayed or lost mail and packages.



USE THIS ADDRESS FORMAT:

Wilkes Barre PA 18766

Both your name and box number must be on all mail or packages. The name must match the name assigned to that box.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mailroom at mailroom@wilkes.edu.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

PHYSICAL HEALTH

The Wilkes University Health and Wellness Services office provides routine health services for all students and is staffed by a certified registered nurse practitioner and a registered nurse. Its mission is to provide care, education and advocacy to improve the health and well being of its students. Referrals are made to local physicians as deemed necessary.

All students (on- and off-campus; full- and part-time), are eligible for health care and related counseling at the Health Services Office. Only emergency care will be provided to visitors.

MENTAL HEALTH

WILKES UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER PASSAN HALL, SECOND FLOOR

570-408-4100 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Counseling is an opportunity for students to discuss personal concerns and explore ways of working through issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, grief, identity issues, eating issues, interpersonal conflicts and substance abuse. All undergraduate students (on-campus, off-campus, full-time and part-time) are eligible for free and confidential counseling. Counseling services are available both in person and via Telehealth. Students can schedule an appointment Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM by calling **570-408-4100**. The **Wilkes University Support Line 570-408-CHAT (2428)** is also available 24/7 for any student in crisis. The CHAT line is staffed with skilled clinicians who are trained specifically in college student mental health.

COLONEL'S CUPBOARD

The Colonel's Cupboard is an on-campus food pantry open to the entire Wilkes community. The Cupboard is run by the office of civic engagement and provides students, staff and faculty with resources to stock up on groceries or grab a snack. There is no income requirement to utilize the Cupboard and it is open five days a week during the semester and on a modified schedule during breaks. **Scan the QR code to learn more.**





OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Office of Academic Success, located in Conyngham Hall, is a valuable resource for all students. Within our office, students are able to access a variety of resources including Academic Support and Advising Services that can help them on their academic journey.

Our Academic Support Services include:

- · Peer tutoring sessions
- One-on-one student skill building opportunities with a learning specialist
- · Navigating declaring a major
- Support to all students and faculty within their designated colleges

Scan for the academic support request form.

The Office of Academic Success also houses our Disability Support Services. Disability Support Services (DSS) is committed to providing equal educational opportunity for all students who meet the academic admission requirements. In order to receive accommodations, students must provide appropriate documentation of their disability. For more information, please contact katy.betnar@wilkes.edu.

Scan for more information.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Eugene S. Farley Library, named in honor of the first president of Wilkes University, is located at the heart of the Wilkes campus at the corner of South Franklin and West South Streets. It is abundant with resources including over 175,000 print books, 250,000 e-books and more. Students can use the library for studying, researching or socializing. Students are able to access a variety of tech needs and have support from the help desk and several tools online.

The library houses several University resources centers including:

- The University Archives
- · The Writing Center
- The Information Technology Help Desk
- Alden Learning Commons (available 24/7 during regular school hours and accessible via WIN swipe card system)

Library resources and services are available at wilkes.edu/library and by phone at 570-408-4250.

THE COLONEL CORNER

MORE THAN A BOOKSTORE

Serving as a one-stop shop right here on campus, the Colonel Corner is conveniently located on the first floor of the Henry Student Center. The Colonel Corner will fulfill your needs ranging from supplies that are essential for success to merch for showing off school spirit.



COLONELS ARE COVERED

We are excited to announce the "Colonels Are Covered" program for all first-year and undergraduate students, which provides free textbooks with tuition. Scan the QR code to find out more. Follow us on Instagram @wucolonelcorner

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

The Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI) welcomes the opportunity to assist students with personal, academic and career concerns that impact their academic success. These services are intended to help students successfully complete their degree program. This may include managing roommate conflicts, resolving a bursar balance, understanding university holds or faculty/student conflict resolution.

The ODI can assist students in a variety of areas such as:

- Adjustment to life as a college student in the Wilkes-Barre area
- Navigating the college experience as a first-generation student
- Interpreting University policies and procedures
- Understanding major admission requirements

Visit the ODI at the Max Roth Center on the corner of South Franklin and West South Streets or call **570-408-7856** to schedule an appointment. **Scan the QR codes for more information.**



BILLING & PAYMENT INFO

STUDENTS MUST HAVE FINANCIAL CLEARANCE BY AUGUST 11 TO BEGIN CLASSES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER.

Wilkes requires that all students obtain financial clearance at least two weeks prior to the start of classes or they may be deregistered. Financial clearance can be obtained in the following ways:

- 1. Pay your balance in full. Pay with an electronic check or credit card on the Wilkes Portal at portal.wilkes.edu. Pay by check and mail to Wilkes University Student Lockbox, PO Box 824696, Philadelphia, PA., 19182-4696. Pay in person at the Bursar's Office in Miller Hall.
- 2. Apply for and receive financial aid. Have an approved financial aid award or loan that equals or exceeds the account balance for that semester.
- **3. Enroll in our online installment payment plan.** The first installment is due on August 15 for fall classes, January 15 for spring classes and June 1 for summer classes.
- **4. Submit a signed deferment agreement.** Submit a signed employer or third-party payment agreement, which includes payments from foreign governments. Forms are available on the student page of the Wilkes Portal.

AUTOMATED PAYMENT PLAN

The Installment Payment Plan allows a student to pay the account balance monthly. Students may enroll at the beginning of each semester and installments are as follows:

Fall Semester Five payments beginning on August 15
Spring Semester Five payments beginning on January 15
Summer Semester Three payments beginning on June 1

Once the bank account information is set up via the Wilkes Portal, the University will automatically withdraw the interest-free payment from your account. Students can also add parents or other authorized users to receive notifications by selecting the "Authorized User" tab under payment area of the portal. All payment information is available via the parent page at **wilkes.edu**.

TO ENROLL:

- · Sign onto the Wilkes website at portal.wilkes.edu
- · Enter username and password
- Select "Student" tab > "Student Services"
- · Under "Tuition and Billing", select "Payment Plans"
- Please follow instructions on the screen

The payment plan amount is calculated based on the balance at the time of enrollment. Any changes to registration will automatically change the payment amount. Emails will notify you of any payment changes. Note: \$50.00 fee is charged to any student account in the event the University cannot process a payment installment.

If you have questions, please call 570-408-4960. For login problems, please call the Help Desk at 570-408-4357.



ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. CONTACT US TO DISCUSS YOUR FINANCIAL PLANS.

BURSAR'S OFFICE Miller Hall 32 W. South Street 570-408-4960 billing@wilkes.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE Capin Hall 165 S. Franklin Street 570-408-4512 financialaid@wilkes.edu

Incoming students should receive a pamphlet in the mail with options for financing your Wilkes education related to fees not covered by financial aid. For additional information and support, contact the Financial Aid Office.

View your invoice, make a payment, enroll in the payment plan or add an authorized user by visiting the "Tuition and Billing" section on the "Student Services" page of the Wilkes portal: portal.wilkes.edu

WORK STUDY 101

GAIN EXPERIENCE, EARN \$\$\$

Part-time employment opportunities exist both on-campus and off-campus through the federal work study and institutional work study programs.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

- Subsidized by the federal government
- · Financial need-based as determined by the FAFSA
- On-campus part-time jobs
- Off-campus approved community service part-time jobs
- Completed FAFSA verification requirements, if selected

VIEW JOBS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES: wilkes.edu/studentjobs

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Kimberly Mazur, Financial Aid Counselor workstudy@wilkes.edu 570-408-5902

INSTITUTIONAL WORK STUDY

- · Funded solely by the University
- · Not required to demonstrate financial need
- · On-campus part-time jobs

JOB APPLICATION AND NEW HIRE DOCUMENTS: wilkes.edu/workstudyforms

Original forms of ID required - see form I-9 list of acceptable documents. Documents must be completed and approved prior to beginning work.

Scan for more information about Paying for College



CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT & INTERNSHIPS

We invite students to come to the Center for Career Development & Internships to start their Career Success Plan during their first year at Wilkes. We help students with deciding on majors, clarifying career goals and exploring opportunities outside of the classroom. We assist with job/internship applications, interviewing, and resumes. Our internship director assists students in attaining cooperative education and experiential opportunities specific to their majors.

Wilkes University utilizes Handshake as a one-stop virtual platform for students to connect with employers, job/internship postings, career and internship and graduate School Fairs, as well as virtual events. The Center uses Handshake to engage students with our professional staff to support them in their career development.

THE CAREER GATEWAY PROGRAM

The first step in your career and professional development is participating in the Career Gateway Program, a master course that will be on your LIVE course listing throughout your time at Wilkes. This program will help you to explore and articulate the career competencies that employers and graduate schools seek.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

THE WILKES UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES A SAFE PLACE FOR MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY TO LIVE, LEARN, TEACH AND WORK.

We serve as the first responders and the primary safety resource for the Wilkes campus and our surrounding community. We currently have ten police officers, eight public safety officers and seven dispatchers on staff to provide 24 hour coverage, 365 days a year. Our services include:

CAMPUS PATROLS

Uniformed officers keep the campus safe by conducting around-the-clock patrols of University grounds and buildings. You will see us travel by foot, bicycle and vehicle. Members of the Wilkes University Police Department are always in full uniform and readily identifiable.

SAFE POLICE ESCORTS

Officers are prepared to escort and accompany students through campus at any time of the day or night. We also provide a safe ride to a wide area around campus through the Colonel Connector. Read more about the Colonel Connector below.

EMERGENCY REPORTING AND SECURITY MONITORING

Fifty emergency call boxes located around campus immediately connect members of the community to our 24/7 communications center. In addition, Wilkes has more than 220 closed-circuit cameras allowing us to continually monitor public spaces on campus. Our Wilkes Shield safety app allows students to request emergency assistance with the click of a button. Read more about Wilkes Shield below.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

By signing up for emergency alerts, members of the Wilkes community are notified by text and email of emergencies on and around campus in which they should be aware. Our text updates also announce school delays or closings in the event of inclement weather. Sign up for text alerts at wilkes.edu/campus-life/safety-security

FIRST RESPONSE

Each officer has been trained in emergency medical procedures, first aid and CPR. We collaborate with area first responders, including the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, to dispatch additional assistance as required. Wilkes University police have arrest powers and serve as the primary law agency at the University. Minor offenses involving Wilkes students and University rules and regulations are referred to Office of Academic Success for disciplinary action.

The Wilkes University Police Department is located on the ground floor of 148 S. Main Street.

In the event of an emergency, always call 570-408-4999 for assistance. Requests that are not an emergency, can be requested by calling 570-408-4377.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS

Visit wilkes.edu/wilkesalert or download Wilkes Shield in the App Store or Google Play.

WILKES SHIELD

Access safety tools and campus information by downloading the free Wilkes Shield app.

LET'S EXPLORE THE SAFETY APP

- Touching the Emergency button will open options for who you'd like to call. Touch either option to be connected.
- Immediate need for Police/Fire/EMS should be directed to 911. We monitor 911 Channel for calls and will respond.
- 911 calls made in our geo-fenced area on and around campus will send a message to our Communications Center.
- Do not "test" to see if the app is working you will be connecting to 911!





THE COLONEL CONNECTOR

The Colonel Connector provides campus members with safe transportation escorts to a wide area around campus and outside of the regular University shuttle hours. This service operates from 5 PM to 11 PM, Monday through Saturday, through the fall and spring semesters.

The Colonel Connector is a clearly marked Wilkes University vehicle, operated by a Public Safety Officer. A student may bring a guest. Guests are required to present identification when boarding. For more information please visit: wilkes.edu/campus-life/safety-security.

PARKING

- All Wilkes lots are posted as either Faculty/Staff/Commuter lots or Resident Student Lots. Parking in any University lot requires a University Parking permit. Vehicles without permits are subject to ticketing and/or towing.
- Unless noted, the lots are open for parking without a permit after 4:30 PM until 7 AM the following day. Parking without a permit is also allowed on the weekends.
- Wilkes maintains a parking lot at the Ralston Field Athletic Complex. Shuttle service is available to and from the Ralston Field Lot Mon.-Fri. from 7 AM to 6 PM.
- Students accounts are billed for outstanding violations. Repeated violations of campus parking regulations will result in the termination of parking privileges.
- The city has metered parking around the campus. They are responsible for the enforcement and maintenance of the meters.
- Questions about parking? Contact 570-408-7275

The Department offers this training several times a year, specifically upon request of residence halls and various campus and community groups. If interested, please contact the Lieutenant of Support Operations at **570-408-4982**.



GET INVOLVED @ WILKES!

There are limitless possibilities when it comes to clubs and involvement on campus. You can pursue new interests, nurture old ones and find people to share them with.

BENEFITS OF INVOLVEMENT

- · Eases the transition from high school to college
- Explore and expand both new and old skills or interests
- Expect to become a better leader, learner and citizen
- Engage with other Colonels who can become lifelong connections

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT WILKES:

- Visit the Office of Student Development located on the first floor of the Henry Student Center
- Join Wilkes Adventure Education and explore the outdoors
- · Attend a concert, program and event on campus
- Volunteer with Civic Engagement and the Bonner Leader Program
- Talk to your e-Mentor, RA or classmates
- · Check Wilkes Today & your Wilkes email
- · Colonel Guide
- Suitable Student engagement platform and activities calendar

Go to wilkes.edu/campus-life/ to find out more.



CLUB DAY 2025

EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT!

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 · 11 AM - 1 PM (CLUB HOURS) · ON THE GREENWAY

Wilkes has 80+ clubs for you to join.

From Equestrian to Fly Fishing, to Astronomy and WAE,

Club Day is the best way to explore all the opportunities we have lined up.

Come see what we have to offer!

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Beacon

Chamber Orchestra

Choral Club

Civil Band Criminology/Sociology Club Games

and Media Club

Kappa Kappa Psi

The Manuscript Literary Magazine

Pre-Law Society

Psychology Club

Sociology club

Speech and Debate

Studio 20

WCLH 90.7

WilkesNow! TV

The Writing Center

Zebra Communications

SCIENCES

Biology Club

Chemistry Club

Ecology Club

GeoExplorers

Math/Computer Science Club

Neuroscience Club

Pre-Professional Health Society Pre-Vet Club

We're Empowered by Science (WEBS)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH & EDUCATION

NESBITT SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy American College of Clinical Pharmacy American Pharmacists Association Academy

of Student Pharmacists American Society of Health Sustem

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Pharmacists

Christian Pharmacists

Fellowship International

Lambda Kappa Sigma - Alpha Phi Chapter

Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Pre-Pharmacy Club

Rho Chi - Wilkes Pharmacy Honors Society

Student National Pharmaceutical Association

PASSAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing Student Organization Society of Student Nurses

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Education Club

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENGINEERING

SIDHU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

Finance Club

Hospitality Leadership Club Investment Club Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

ENGINEERING

Air and Waste Management Association American Society of Mechanical Engineers Engineering Student Activities Committee

Institute of Electrical and

Electronics Engineers

Pennsylvania Society of

Professional Engineers Society for Automotive Engineers

(Mini Baia)

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Society of Women Engineers

CULTURE AND DIVERSITY/ FAITH & SPIRIT

Black Student Union

Christian Fellowship Club

Friends of Panama

Hindu Spirituality Club

Indian Cultural Association

Multicultural Student Coalition

Student Organization of Latinos

Spanish Club

United Society of Buddhism

Wilkes Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BACCHUS

College Democrats

Commuter Council

Future Business Leaders of America -

Phi Beta Lambda

Gold Bar Club

Honors Program Student Committee

Morgan's Message

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Programming Board

Residence Hall Council

Sports Management Club

Student Government

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Dance

Marathon

UNICEF

Veteran's Council

CLUB SPORTS/ SPECIAL INTEREST

Animal Welfare Club

Army ROTC (Through Kings College)

Cheerleading

Dance Team

Equestrian Club

Fly Fishing Club

Golf Club

Running Club

Step Team

Tap Club

Wilkes Adventure Education

Wilkes Ski & Snowboard Club

Wilkes University Ultimate Frisbee Club

INTRAMURAL SPORTS



MEGA COUNCILS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government (SG) serves as a sounding board for students' concerns on campus. SG formulates the student activities budgets and approves fund requests for all clubs. It is also responsible for the coordination of some of the largest events on campus and within the community. SG collaborates with the leaders of other prominent groups on campus to ensure that the best experience is available to our family of Colonels. Elections take place early on in the fall semester, so consider running for a position! For more information, feel free to reach out to studentgovernment@wilkes.edu.





PROGRAMMING BOARD

Wilkes University Programming Board (WUPB) is a great way for all students to get involved on campus. Help run and plan events such as bingos, giveaways, game show nights, concerts and so much more. If planning events isn't for you, you can still participate in our fun events every Thursday night, so mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please email wupb@wilkes.edu and scan the QR code to follow us on Instagram @wilkesupb!

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT COALITION

The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) is a group of students dedicated to spreading diversity here on campus and in the Wilkes-Barre community. MSC looks to get students more involved in campus activities and collaborate with other MEGA Councils. Make sure to check out the annual MSC Talent Show, the One World Party, speakers and more. For more information, email msc@wilkes.edu.





COMMUTER COUNCIL

Commuter Council (CC) members all work towards the common goal of making commuter life fun and involved with campus happenings. All members are commuters, whether traveling from a nearby off-campus apartment or miles away. Topics such as student parking, socials and fundraising events, and community service opportunities are just a few of the many things that CC takes on. If you have any questions, please email commuter@wilkes.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

The Residence Hall Council (RHC) consists of elected representatives from each campus residence hall. Its major function is to deal with the concerns of resident students—policy, parking, maintenance, etc.—and to present these concerns to the administration. RHC holds events such as Deck the Halls, Trivia Night and Study Break. RHC also works closely with other MEGA councils to plan campus-wide social events and activities. All students are welcome to attend RHC meetings and/or serve as a member of one of its committees. For more information, feel free to reach out to rhc@wilkes.edu.





HONORS & LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

BONNER LEADER PROGRAM & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Community service. Community collaboration. At Wilkes, these aren't just buzzwords. They're part of who we are as an institution, with students, clubs, athletics, faculty, staff and administrators all getting involved to better understand the root causes and interconnectedness between societal issues. We move students beyond volunteerism to understand the power of collaboration with community partners and help you make it a priority in your values and actions.



Students have the opportunity to serve their community throughout the semester by getting involved with service. They can get involved with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, provide much-needed support at food distributions and tutor elementary school students. Interested in doing something else? Have a conversation with the office to create the opportunity that makes you excited to give back.

The Bonner Leader Program provides financial support for your education through federal work study. This unique opportunity blends community service with leadership development training throughout your four years of undergraduate studies.



When you commit to participate as a Bonner Leader, you will access the following benefits:

- · Cohort-based leadership workshops
- · Trips dedicated to community service
- · Working closely with community partners to serve more people
- · One-on-one mentoring throughout the program
- · Financial stipend in addition to work study pay



We are no longer accepting applications for the fall 2025 cohort. However, students with a passion for community service are encouraged to complete the interest form and the program coordinator will contact you once applications are open for the next cycle. **Scan the QR code for more information.**

To find out more, visit **wilkes.edu/bonner** or contact Alicia Burns, Bonner Leader program coordinator, at **alicia.burns@wilkes.edu** or **570-408-3914**.

HONORS AND BARRE SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Are you a student looking for exceptional opportunities to set yourself apart from the crowd and challenge yourself academically? If so, then we invite you to explore Wilkes University's prestigious Barre Scholars Program. Focused on academic distinction and opportunity, these elite scholars will take advantage of enhanced educational offerings such as:

- Faculty-led reading and research groups
- · An escalating scholarship for as long as you remain in the program
- Priority access to non-federal work-study opportunities
- Eligibility to apply for the Isaac Barre Prize for academic achievement in graduation year

Those invited to the Barre Scholars Program were notified in their portal and must declare their intent to enroll.



Qualified students may participate in both the Barre Scholars Program and the Honors Program. Applications for the Honors Program are currently closed. When they are available, they can be accessed here: wilkes.edu/honors. To view qualifications, go to: wilkes.edu/academics. If you have any questions about the program, contact jennifer.mclaughlin1@wilkes.edu.

WHERE WILL WILKES TAKE YOU?

UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURES AWAIT

NEPA NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATIONS

- The Lands at Hillside Farms: Environmental Science 105
- · Susquehanna Brewing Company: Environmental Science 105
- NEPA Community Service Projects: Habitat for Humanity and PAK Food Distributions, Civic Engagement
- · Classroom Visits: Education Department
- · Galen Glen Winery: Chemistry 398

STATESIDE EXPERIENCES

- Give Kids The World Village Kissimmee, Florida: Honors Program
- · Salem, Massachusetts: Commuter Council
- Corning Museum of Glass Corning, New York: Chemistry Club
- THEREPS Conference Las Vegas, Nevada: Hospitality Leadership
- Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona: Wilkes Adventure Education
- Mauna Kea, Hawaii: GeoExplorers Club
- · Hawaii: Bonner Leader
- Longmont, Colorado, and Washington, D.C., Alternative Spring Break

GLOBAL GETAWAYS

- · Malaysia: Global Cultures
- Costa Rica: Political Science/Biology
- Scotland & Ireland: Political Science/History
- France: Chemistry
- Spain: Men's Soccer
- La Piedra, Dominican Republic: Alternative Spring Break









SORDONI ART GALLERY

STUDENT POWERED, SAG APPROVED





The Sordoni Art Gallery is a different kind of classroom. Our state-of-the-art exhibition space is where you can see art made by world-famous artists, learn things you never knew before from artists themselves and even make your own creations during our various workshops and events. Our mission is to encourage an appreciation of the arts and an understanding of its role in society through direct engagement with art. Our main focus is to present high-quality exhibitions, related programming and publications in a wide range of media, topics, cultures and time periods.

Want to get involved? The four easiest ways is to walk through our doors. We host 4 exhibitions a year and are open 6 days a week. It's a great way to spend a few minutes in between classes. Want to know more? All of our events are free for students. Every lecture, workshop and film screening is for you. We even host free yoga classes! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @sordonigallery for updates.

Is that not enough? Maybe you want to join our staff! Students perform many roles at the gallery from gallery attendant, to social media ambassador, to student designer. You can get paid and support the arts at the same time. We are located in the Karambelas Center. Come visit!

For more information, visit wilkes.edu/sordoniartgallery or contact heather.sincavage@wilkes.edu with questions. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter @sordoniartgallery

WILKES ADVENTURE EDUCATION

Wilkes Adventure Education (WAE), is experiential learning and strives to cultivate, encourage and develop self-awareness, hard and soft skills, environmental stewardship and an overall sense of wellness. The program's objective is to introduce participants to fun, engaging experiences both indoors and outdoors, so they may learn through trying, doing and practicing in a supportive culture. WAE includes the rock wall and ropes course, and WAE Series outings.

For more information, contact jill.price@wilkes.edu



WELCOME WEEKEND & MOVE-IN DAY

Welcome Weekend is a three-day program for all residential and commuter students prior to the first day of classes. Welcome Weekend acts as an extension of orientation where students will attend informational workshops, socialize with their peers and interact with campus leaders. Students can expect to get to know campus and rock out with the help of their fall semester e-Mentor.

Students can visit wilkes.edu/welcome for the latest information on Welcome Weekend.

MOVE-IN DAY: THURSDAY, AUG. 21, 9 AM - 4 PM

YOUR MOVE-IN TIME WILL BE BASED ON YOUR ASSIGNED E-MENTOR.
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR WILKES EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

For updated information about move-in day, visit **wilkes.edu/moveinday**.

BEFORE WELCOME WEEKEND, MAKE SURE TO CHECK OFF THESE ELECTRIC ESSENTIALS...

- Copy of health insurance card
- Two original forms of identification
- Up-to-date immunizations
- A completed housing contract
- A meal plan selected
- Residence hall/car necessities
- A parking permit, if applicable

STAY IN THE KNOW FOR THE YEAR AHEAD!



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR.











