

Student Affairs

Wheeling Jesuit's Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to assisting students by providing quality support, co-curricular activities and developmental programs. Wheeling Jesuit University is committed to the academic and social development of each student including his or her intellect, values, emotions and purpose. Student Affairs' goal is to empower students to become ethical decision makers, spiritual life discerners, global leaders and engagers in the pursuit of personal knowledge that leads to community and self-fulfillment.

An integral part of the WJU academic environment, Student Affairs provides a holistic view to educating students. By providing activities and leadership opportunities beyond the classroom, Student Affairs assist the University in producing students who can and will contribute to the community and help each to become more competent, virtuous and responsible citizens.

New Student Programs

Beginning with the early registration program and continuing throughout most of the fall semester, an orientation program is conducted on the campus for all new students including transfer students. A variety of activities are offered to give some idea of the dimensions of the collegiate experience. In the fall, welcome weekend begins before the start of classes (usually the 3 or 4 days preceding the first day of classes), during which new students may adjust to their surroundings, meet classmates, settle into a new room and familiarize themselves with the campus and its services.

Meetings with faculty advisors, socials and discussions on student life, help the new student become acquainted with Wheeling Jesuit University. The orientation programs, under the direction of the Director of Student Life and a group of specially trained upperclass students called Luceats, provides an opportunity for all new students and their parents to adjust to the collegiate experience.

The First Year Program (FYP), which includes the First Year Seminar, a one-credit course taken in the fall semester, is designed for first year students and covers a wide variety of topics, both academic and social.

Housing & Residence Life

Since the majority of the University's undergraduate students reside on campus, special emphasis is given to the six residence halls and their programs. The residence life program is an essential part of the student's life, as it can provide the union of learning with the art of living. Freshman and sophomore students who do not reside with their parent(s) or legal guardian within a reasonable commuting distance from home are required to live on-campus. The Residence Life staff informs students of University policies and rules and assists them in their adjustment to the University environment. All students living on campus must utilize a meal plan. Freshmen (0-27 credit hours) are assigned the top meal plan. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors have additional options.

On-campus living provides a balance of challenge and support for residents, allowing residents to learn about themselves and others and to take responsibility for themselves and their development. Therefore, the role of Residence Life is to contribute to the development of residents through the creation of diverse and positive living environments.

Residence Life also develops programs and activities for all students, residents and commuters. Commuters are strongly encouraged to become active in campus life at Wheeling Jesuit.

Career Development Center

The mission of WJU's Career Development Center is to provide progressive services and resources that help students and alumni prepare for and manage their careers, learn job-seeking skills and locate suitable internship as well as employment. The Career Development Center offers many activities, services and resources to assist all students in their transition from college to post-graduation pursuits in the world-of-work or graduate school.

Some of the services that may be found useful are individual career counseling and assessment testing, career or graduate school fairs, career planning, presentations on various topics and interview preparation. A wealth of career, internship and graduate school information is available in the career library as well as on the website <www.wju.edu/careercenter>. The Career Development Center at Wheeling Jesuit University is a member of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) and the Upper Ohio Valley Career Seminars Consortium (UOVCS).

The Career Development Center is located on the ground floor of Ignatius Hall and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments for individual assistance are recommended. (304) 243-2464.

Campus Activities

The Office of Campus Activities offers a variety of opportunities for the campus community to engage in recreational and/or educational opportunities. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is a student organization that works with the Office to bring performers, comedians and a wide variety of entertainment and educational programs to the WJU community. This organization also sponsors dances and various other campus events. The Office utilizes the campus coffee shop to provide acoustic evenings, pool and ping-pong and a video library. CAB annually works with the Student Government Association and other campus organizations in events such as Welcome Week, Family Weekend and Last Blast.

The Office, with the assistance of the Rathskeller Board (students and faculty), also oversees the operation of the Rathskeller. The "Ratt," as it is more commonly called, is an on-campus pub that provides the WJU community with a social meeting and gathering place. The Rathskeller observes all state and local laws concerning alcohol consumption and provides a variety of non-alcoholic beverages for underage students and those who choose not to consume alcohol.