



student activities

a note from the director:



Opportunities, Opportunities, Opportunities. Being a college student is about finding opportunities to learn about one's self whether in or out of the classroom. We often talk about getting involved on campus and how it helps students stay in school and graduate. Students who take advantage of opportunities to become involved at WKU graduate from our institution at a higher rate than the ones who do not. The Office of Student Activities works to provide co-curricular activities for those who want to be involved at WKU. Whether it is a student organization, student government, leadership programs, Campus Activities Board (CAB) programs, or volunteerism activities, there is something for each student who wants to get involved.

We have outstanding staff that is ready and willing to help you explore the endless opportunities. All you have to do is ask. We encourage you to take advantage of our programs, as well as the many others that WKU has to offer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charley Pride
Director of Student Activities





student organizations

Student organizations at Western Kentucky University provide an incredible opportunity to meet new people, build leadership and event planning skills, share ideas, make connections across campus and have fun! WKU is the home of over 300 student organizations providing opportunities for students to engage with a wide variety of interests and activities. This involvement can provide students a foundation for success, a passion for learning and a commitment to responsible global citizenship, while fostering creativity and service. Organizations can not only provide membership but a safe home from which students can pursue their passions.

For more information on Student Activities please visit www.wku.edu/sao/



campus ministries



WKU has over 20 active campus ministry organizations to meet the diverse spiritual needs of our students. Campus ministries offer weekly services on campus or at local churches. They also conduct retreats, mission trips, and local service projects for the participants. Over the past several years, the various campus ministries have promoted spiritual growth and faith formation on and off campus through outreach and programming. For more information on joining a campus ministry, visit www.wku.edu/campusministries or contact Student Activities at 270-745-2459.



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The fraternity and sorority community has been a vital part of the student experience at WKU for the past 45 years. Over 1,800 students are members of our 17 fraternities and 14 sororities. Greek organizations produce outstanding leaders across all areas of campus life, and we hold high standards for academic achievement, leadership development and community service. Students who join Greek organizations come together to form a personal network of individuals with similar ideas, interests, and a mutual pursuit of a well-rounded college education. The friendships and experiences you will gain as part of joining a sorority or fraternity will last a lifetime.

In order to join a fraternity or sorority, you must have a 2.5 high school GPA or a 2.25 college GPA with 12 or more earned hours. Formal recruitment occurs at the beginning of the semester for the Panhellenic Association (Fall only) and the Interfraternity Council (Fall and Spring). Omega Phi Alpha, Sigma Alpha, and the fraternities and sororities in the National Pan-Hellenic Council conduct their membership recruitment and intake processes on an individual basis. For more information, please visit www.wku.edu/wkugreeks or contact Student Activities at 270-745-2459.



leadership are

DLI (Dynamic Leadership Institute): The Dynamic Leadership Institute began at WKU in the 1990's. The program is designed to teach students the basic interpersonal skills and knowledge needed to engage in various leadership roles on campus, within the community, and in their futures. Each of the four phases allows the students to view leadership from different perspectives and provides opportunities for WKU students to examine and enhance their leadership skills.

High School Leadership Conference: Each semester high school students from across Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio come together at WKU for a one day retreat to further develop their leadership skills. Participants attend sessions presented by WKU staff and student leaders. WKU students have the opportunity to become involved with the conference by working on the planning committee which assists in the developing, organizing, implementing and evaluating the conference.

LeaderShape: This six-day, nationally recognized program focuses on developing an individual's goals and visions for a better future. The mission of LeaderShape states, "To transform the world by increasing the number of people who *lead with integrity*™ and a healthy disregard for the impossible." During these six days, students are immersed in intensive leadership training which is centered on a consideration for ethical values, developing meaningful relationships, and growing as an individual and as a leader. WKU holds a campus LeaderShape each spring following the week of graduation.

Leadership Conference: In this one day leadership conference, students from across campus come together to develop their leadership skills and network with fellow student leaders. This conference is designed to enhance current leadership opportunities available to students at WKU.

Weekend in the Woods: This is a two day retreat where first year freshman exchange leadership ideas, focus on special topics, and work on campus unity. This retreat is part of an invaluable process that helps ensure future leaders are working toward the same goal - a better WKU!

United Way Efforts: The United Way's mission is, "To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities." Students help by competing in the United Way Penny War, which takes place in the fall. The goal is to be the group that collects the most pennies in their bucket. Pennies collected by a group count positively toward their total, while coins and dollar bills are subtracted. In addition, "Jail & Bail" is where students nominate individuals to go to jail, and while there they must raise their bail!



and Volunteerism

VIP (Volunteering In Progress): This initiative dedicates each month to a different cause. The monthly drives connect students to volunteer opportunities and service to the community, as well as on campus. Along with monthly drives, VIP sponsors monthly volunteer days where students can participate in a day of “action” by giving back to the community.

Up ‘til Dawn: This collegiate fundraising event benefits St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Students raise money through a letter writing campaign and other fundraising events. At the finale event, those who raised money stay up all night, with the notion that cancer never sleeps. Bands, games, food, and entertainment are provided to celebrate the year’s success and to energize the students. Students also have the opportunity to serve on Up ‘til Dawn’s executive board.

National Volunteer Week & Make a Difference Day: The purpose of these events is to stimulate and emphasize student engagement efforts in the community by building awareness and providing opportunities to serve. Each day highlights a variety of leadership activities on campus and within the community. The goal is to target a broader section of campus by offering different activities during both weeks events. ‘Make a Difference Day’ happens each fall and ‘National Volunteer Week’ is held in the spring and is co-sponsored by The WKU Alive Center.

Relay for Life: As the American Cancer Society’s signature event, Relay For Life is an overnight event which celebrates survivors, remembers those we have lost to cancer, and raises money for cancer research, patient services, education, and advocacy. WKU holds its campus Relay For Life each fall. Students, faculty and staff participate by forming a team or participating the night of the event to support this great cause. Students can also serve on the event planning committee.

Alternative Breaks: Held during the fall and spring semester, students are given the opportunity to spend their spring break giving back to various community service projects. Past breaks have included trips to Savannah, GA, Charleston, SC, Memphis, TN, Tuscaloosa, AL and Mobile, AL. Students are selected on the previous community service work and level of involvement and commitment.

If you’re interested in any of the programs described above please contact either Mindy Johnson, mindy.johnson@wku.edu, or Hunter Williams, hunter.williams@wku.edu.



Campus activities board

The WKU Campus Activities Board seeks to enrich the educational experience of students at WKU and support the overall mission of Western Kentucky University by offering a wide range of co-curricular experiences for students, faculty, and staff.

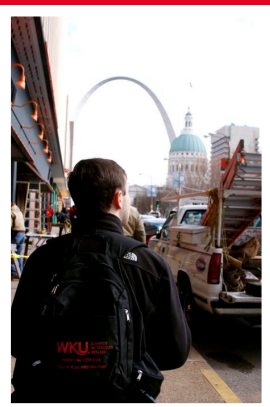
CAB further seeks to provide leadership, involvement, and engagement opportunities for students in the planning, proposal, promotion, and presentation of a variety of activities. These activities are designated to serve the cultural, educational, and social interests of the WKU community.

CAB traditionally sponsors, plans, promotes, and presents several major events yearly.

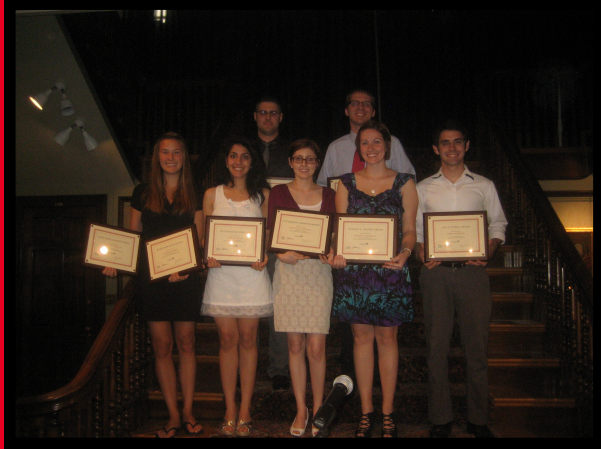
Some of these include:

- Homecoming
- Concert Series
- Big Reds Roar
- CAB-OOM
- CAB After Dark Series
- Black History Lecture Series

If you're interested in learning more about CAB or how to get involved with CAB please email wkucab@wku.edu, visit the CAB website, www.wku.edu/CAB or visit the WKU Student Activities office in Cravens 13.



student government association



In 1956, Western Kentucky University students began actively participating in the administration of the university with the creation of the Student Advisory Council. Over the next ten years, students struggled to achieve the influence they desired, but in 1966 the student body ratified the first version of its constitution and elected James P. "Jim" Haynes as the first president of the Associated Students. In 1992, the Associated Students changed its name to the Student Government Association.



The Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University is an organization committed to the advocacy of every student that enters and subsequently exits WKU. SGA believes that each student has a vital opinion and voice, and the organization is fully committed to serving these students. Like the federal government, the SGA is also comprised of three branches – executive, legislative, and judicial. These branches all have separate but fundamental duties; however, members of SGA – regardless of branch membership – collaborate often when developing new ideas to better serve the student population. SGA has developed numerous programs to help serve the needs of WKU. Campus Clean-up, Campus Safety Walks, the Hall of Distinguished Seniors, Dine with Decision Makers, the Rally for Higher Education, Organizational Aid, Scholar Development and Provide-A-Ride are examples of signature services provided by the SGA.



The legislative branch's Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 5:00 pm in Cravens room 111. All WKU students are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the SGA office at 745-4354 or stop by their office which is located inside of the Student Activities office, Cravens 13.

"fun on the hill"

parent and family weekend

Parent and Family weekend consists of a variety of events all over the WKU campus to welcome the family members of our students. Some of the events taking place are Residence Hall receptions, the annual picnic hosted by the President, the WKU Football Game, announcement of the WKU Family of the Year and much more!

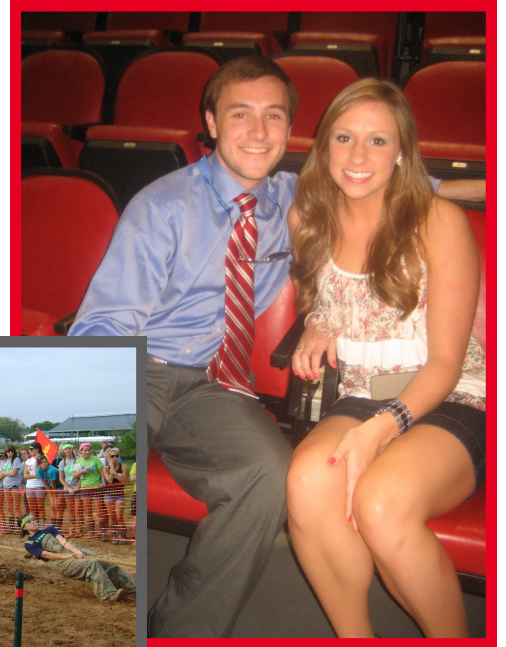


homecoming week

Homecoming on the Hill is an exciting time for WKU. WKU students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of exciting Activities! Students take part in annual Hilltopper festivities such as Big Red's Roar, the Homecoming Parade, NPHC's step show, the Homecoming Concert, and, of course, the Homecoming football game with the halftime queen coronation.



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**"now is the time.
needs are great. but
your possibilities
are greater."
• bill blackman**





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