

# WHAT'S NEW IN ACADEMICS?



## Actuarial Science Major

This new major can lead to one of the top 10 jobs today! In fact, the actuarial profession is one of the most respected, well-compensated, and rewarding fields. Actuaries are most commonly employed in the insurance, financial services, and healthcare industries as well as in government agencies. Learn about exciting opportunities for students in this major at [wne.edu/actuarialscience](http://wne.edu/actuarialscience).



## Five-year Bachelor/Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

For those who aspire to executive positions, the accelerated Five-year Bachelor/Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program is designed to empower students to lead. From ethics to organizational behavior theory, students discover the best practices to lead an organization to success.



## Pre-optometry Program

Did you know that three out of four people in the U.S. need glasses or contacts? The Pre-optometry program is a 3 + 4 Affiliation Program offered through an agreement with New England College of Optometry (NECO). In this program, after successfully completing three years taking Pre-optometry coursework at Western New England University, students can receive early admissions status in the four-year NECO program.



## Human Resources Management Minor

People are the most important resource of any organization. Students interested in understanding the employment relationship and pursuing careers in Human Resources will benefit from this minor. Courses will focus on benefits, compensation, and employment law among other topics. This undergraduate minor is open to all students at the University.



## Reservoir Concentration in Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering is one of the rising majors in the College of Engineering. To meet demand among students and industry, the program will add a Reservoir Concentration in fall 2015 which will be designed for students planning a career in reservoir or water resources engineering.



## International Students to Benefit from Intensive Language and Cultural Program Partnership

Western New England University is expanding opportunities for international students to enroll in undergraduate and graduate degree programs through a new language instruction partnership with Denver-based BridgePathways®. The arrangement will facilitate establishment of a BridgePathways Intensive English Center on the University campus in the fall of 2015. The first cohort of students will be enrolled in January 2016. Learn more at [bridgepathways.com](http://bridgepathways.com).



## COSMA Accreditation Puts Sport Management Program in a League of Its Own

The Sport Management program was recently accredited by COSMA, the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (2014-2021). This distinction makes it one of only two sport management programs in the U.S. accredited by both COSMA and AACSB International, the leading accrediting body for business programs worldwide.

"Sport Management alumni can be found working for the Red Sox, Dolphins, Celtics, New Jersey Devils, Reebok, Yankees, Nets, Ohio State, WWE, and the PGA, among many other big-time sport organizations," says Dr. Sharianne Walker, chair of the Department. "What distinguishes our program from others is that students get a BSBA in Business, so they are well-versed in accounting, finance, marketing, and analytics, all the foundational business skills. They also have opportunities to participate in travel courses to the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup through the University's Center for International Sport Business." Learn more at [wne.edu/business](http://wne.edu/business).

## Business Leaders Mentor Sophomores

In the Sophomore Business Cohort, Community Business Partners mentor a small group of business students for a semester-long team project that focuses on connecting classroom learning to organizational practices into a Team E-Portfolio for presentation to their Partners at a concluding dinner. In each course, students take a field trip to the business' location for discussion of how the concepts learned in the classroom are being applied in the organization.



## Short-term Travel Courses Expand Students' Horizons

Gaining a global perspective is critical today, whether students major in English or Industrial Engineering. Western New England University provides a wide range of travel courses to help students expand their worldview as they prepare for their careers. In summer of 2015, faculty led travel courses took students to Guatemala, China, Ireland, Italy, and Peru. Freshman Arts and Sciences and sophomore Business students may also take advantage of our dynamic semester-long programs in London, which cost the same as a semester on campus.



## "Selfie Stations" Personalize Campus Visits

To encourage prospective students to feel like a part of our community, during campus tours, we encourage them to snap a pic at one of our designated "Selfie Stations," such as our famed Golden Bear statue. When they upload it at #wneSpirit at the end of their tour, we give them a Western New England University t-shirt to wear with Golden Bear pride.



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Ask an admissions counselor for details.

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# MAKING HEADLINES



## College of Pharmacy Graduates First Class

The first class of students from the College of Pharmacy graduated in May 2015. Nearly half of the class members began their journey to earning Doctor of Pharmacy degrees through the University's Pre-pharmacy program.

The graduation of this first class was years in the making—from the vision of the University administrators to develop the program, to the hiring of its founding dean and creation of a faculty, to the construction of the \$40 million Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy, to the four years of rigorous study and practice experiences of these trailblazing learners.

The 69 members of the inaugural class have been integral to the development of the College of Pharmacy, which earned full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) at its July board meeting.

With this foundation in professionalism, advocacy, and community service, we are confident that these graduates will continue to be first-class ambassadors of the College of Pharmacy for many years to come.



## Computer Science Students "Hack New York"

Computer Science students traveled to New York City last spring to compete in hackNY. Co-organized by faculty from NYU and Columbia, and with a board of advisors, hackNY brings together hundreds of college students for a 24-hour computer application-coding event, where tech companies present their challenges, and students build original applications based on certain parameters. The Western New England University team worked on a challenge using MongoDB.

“ Hackathons allow students to be both creative and collaborative with computing. Students work on real problems posed by real companies while being at the forefront of innovation, while still in school. How cool is that? ” said Dr. Heidi Ellis, chair and professor of the computer science and information technology department.

In November 2014, students Gunther Cox and Kevin Brown were also part of a Western New England University team that competed and won \$1,000 for their work in the prestigious hackMIT event on the campus of MIT.



## Engineering Students Complete Grueling Two-Year Baja Journey With Outstanding Finish

In its first ever competition in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International Baja Endurance Race the Western New England University Golden Bear Baja Team placed 30<sup>th</sup> overall from a field of 98 international teams. Reflecting a growing interest among engineering students in automotive engineering, the team placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the endurance race and 10<sup>th</sup> in the sales presentation.

The competition includes “static” events such as sales and design presentations, “dynamic” events such as acceleration and maneuverability, and a four-hour endurance obstacle race. The University's team was one of the few left standing at the finish. Watch for car #27 in the Endurance Race on the YouTube channel Baja SAE Maryland 2015.



## Bot Battle Caps Immersive First Year Engineering Course

Want to get first year students excited about studying engineering? Don't sit them in lecture halls and assign them tedious lab work. Instead immerse them in the Design, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship philosophy of the College of Engineering in the Engineering Fundamentals program. Here students step right into the mindset of an engineer, working on teams to design, build, and program a mini robot to compete in an end-of-the-semester full-on bot battle where entries are judged on their designs, aesthetics, and abilities to complete tasks. Watch a video of the results at [wne.edu/robot](http://wne.edu/robot).



## Rob Guiry '10/G'14 Returns to Campus to Inspire Others After a Strong Run on *The Biggest Loser*

Subtitled Glory Days, the 2015 season of *The Biggest Loser* featured former professional, Olympic, and NCAA athletes seeking to lose the greatest percentage of body weight and win the \$250,000 prize. Finishing in third place, Rob Guiry started the season as the heaviest contestant at 483 pounds, and by the final weigh-in he had shed 238 pounds. After returning from the show, one of the first things Rob did was to give three inspirational talks at Western New England University, including the keynote address for the Freshmen and Sophomore Honors Reception.



## The Huffington Post Names Bobby Caruso as a Campus Editor-at-Large

In 2015 Communication major Bobby Caruso was chosen as a Campus-Editor-at-Large (EAL) with *The Huffington Post*. “I've been an avid reader of the site for years,” he said. Since signing on as an EAL, Caruso has enlisted several other bloggers, including fellow students, alumni, and staff.

“ I've also pitched a segment to air on HuffPostLive. I'm writing blogs and started 'evergreen' pieces. I was thrilled to attend the April summit, when I met Editor-in-Chief Arianna Huffington. ”



## Excitement Building for Solar Decathlon House Competition

Leveraging the talents and skills of more than 100 students from across the University, the Western New England Solar Decathlon house will compete in the prestigious U.S. Department of Energy competition in fall 2015. Vying against 19 premier teams such as Stanford, Yale, and Vanderbilt, it is tasked with constructing a full-size, net-zero solar-powered house with help from additional teammates from the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá and Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana. After the house is completed here, it will travel with the students and faculty advisors to be reassembled in Irvine, California for the competition.



## Golden Bears Shine

Western New England had much to be proud of during the 2014-15 school year as the men's golf, women's lacrosse, and softball teams each captured their first Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Championship to advance to their respective NCAA Division III Championship. In addition, the men's lacrosse team won the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Tournament. Baseball, women's basketball, and women's volleyball also qualified for post-season play. Overall, the Golden Bears compiled a 186-159-11 record (53.8%) and finished fourth among 10 conference schools in both the Men's and Women's All-Sports Trophy standings. Western New England student-athletes enjoy considerable success not only on the playing fields, but also in the classroom, with 55% holding GPAs of 3.0 or higher.



## The Golden Bear Pavilion: Taking Our Game to the Next Level

Western New England University has an exceptional reputation in the college athletic community that continues to grow. With more athletes on the fields and more fans in the stands, Western New England University built the Golden Bear Pavilion to better the athletic experience for students and supporters.

The Golden Bear Pavilion provides much-needed locker room space as the new home of football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, field hockey, baseball, and softball. Our dedicated fans have a concession stand and public restrooms to make game day more enjoyable.

