JANUARY ORIENTATION
Celebrating 100 Years of Great Beginnings
We are excited you are joining our Golden Bear Community! My name is Dominic Seguro and I am the Director for Student Success and Engagement. It’s my job to ensure you have the smoothest transition into Western New England from your prior institution. I’m a great resource so come to me with any questions. My office is located in the Office of First Year Students and Students in Transition in the St. Germain Campus Center.

One of the programs I am most excited about is the upcoming Transfer Tuesday program. Each Tuesday for the first four weeks of the spring semester, our office will plan a program during common hour to help you get connected to the resources on campus. The first Transfer Tuesday is January 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Great Room in the LaRiviere Center so mark your calendars!

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Take Charge of the Experience
Western New England University makes the tools for success easily accessible to students. There are endless support services at your disposal so take advantage by reaching out early and often. Take charge of your success!

Enjoy the Process
Although transitioning to a new community comes with its own challenges, the journey to graduation is an exciting one. When you look back, I hope you will realize the transition was easier than you thought and you created some lifelong memories.

Jump Right In!
Start building your résumé now! Participating in a club, leadership experience, internship, or community service will help you broaden your horizons by allowing you to connect classroom information with everyday life experiences.

Dominic Seguro
Director for Student Success and Engagement

As you start this new chapter, I encourage you to get involved, to participate with clubs and organizations, and to take part in the array of opportunities and services to help you achieve your full potential during your time here at Western New England.

The First Year Program is here to assist you throughout your first year at the university and can help you with anything you might encounter throughout your experience. Structured to ease your adjustment to Western New England University and provide you with countless opportunities to become socially integrated into the university community, the First Year Program will help guide you in the right direction. It is a time to establish connections, learn about campus organizations, and begin to make lasting friendships. I cannot emphasize enough how important that integration becomes not only for the initial phase of community membership, but it is just as important for long-term satisfaction with college for both first year students and transfer students.

Western New England University offers exceptional opportunities to participate in activities outside the classroom that add value to your time inside the classroom. Whether you participate in intramurals, undergraduate research, community service, or take a semester to study abroad, Western New England has something for everyone to make your experience more fulfilling.

On behalf of the entire campus community, I welcome you to the University.

Alyssa Caliguri
Assistant Director for First Year Student Success
Kodiak is a website used by instructors to enhance traditional classroom courses or to teach online courses.

What can I do with Kodiak?

Professors can use Kodiak to distribute:
- announcements to the class.
- any type of file, including Word documents and PowerPoint presentations.
- links to other websites.

Interactive features make it possible to:
- submit assignments online through “Dropbox” module.
- take online quizzes either for practice or for a grade.
- participate in discussion forums or chats.
- email your instructors or fellow students.
- view your grades on “Grades” module.

Will all of my courses use Kodiak?
While all online courses use Kodiak, not every course taught on campus uses the software. Your instructor can tell you whether or not they plan to use Kodiak for a particular course. You’ll also find that many clubs and other student organizations use the software to keep their members up to date.

How do I login?
Visit kodiak.wne.edu and login with your University-wide User ID and Password combination. You’ll also find a link to Kodiak on the Connect2U portal.

How can I learn more about Kodiak?
Click the large Student Resource button on the Kodiak login page at kodiak.wne.edu. This opens a webpage that includes a number of short YouTube videos and other useful information for students.

The above screenshot shows Kodiak’s My Home page, which you’ll see after logging in. The My Courses “widget” lists the courses you’re enrolled in.

Here’s a screenshot of the Course Home page for the sample course:

Use the Content Browser to navigate through the course materials. Your instructor will use the News widget to post news about your course. The Updates widget informs you about upcoming events.
Golden Bears Get Involved!
Life is more fun when you live in the moment!

NEW EXPERIENCES
- 70+ Clubs and Organizations
- Student Senate
- Class Councils
- CAB Programming Board (Campus Activities Board)
- Peer Review Board

A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT—DAY OR NIGHT!
- FRIDAYS Programs (Every Friday Night, 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
- Late Night @ The Rock (Saturday Nights 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
- Weeknight and Weekend Programming (Comedians, Concerts, Lectures, etc.)
- Campus Center Programming
- Theme Weeks (Spring Week, Earth Week, Freak Week, etc.)
- Traditional Events (Dancing with the G-Bears, Movie on the Lawn, Family and Friends Weekend, Homecoming, etc.)
- Local and Long-Distance Trips

WHAT CAN STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFER ME?

All Students
- Discounted Student Vouchers and Tickets (Springfield Symphony, Big E, etc.)
- FREE Admission to Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle
- Outdoor Recreation
- Game Room Programming/Tournaments
- “Go-To” Resource for Questions/Concerns
- Calendar Resource for All Campus Events
- Marketing Resource
- Student Handbook

Commuter Student Services
- “Off-Campus Student Guide” (Available on the Student Activities website)
- Commuter Newsletter
- Join the Commuter Kodiak Classrooms
- Limited locker rentals

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT EVENTS HAPPENING ON-CAMPUS?
- Student Activities EXPO (Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020)
- TV slides in the University Commons
- Event Promotions
- Bulletin Boards
- Radio, TV, and Newspaper Advertising (WNEK, GBTV, Westerner, Campus Cable Television)
- Online Calendar of Events (Student Activities Website)

Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development
Campus Center, 2nd Floor
413-782-1203 • studentactivities@wne.edu

Our Vision of Our Future is 20/20

SPRING STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPO
Thursday, January 23
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Campus Center, Rooms A and B

Get involved with a club or organization! You’ll meet others with similar interests, create new friendships, find new passions and strengths, and discover opportunities for personal and career development. It’s a fact, student involvement leads to student success.


### Professional and Departmental
- Accounting Association*
- Actuarial Science Club
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Engineering Management*
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Biology Club
- Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)
- Chemistry Club
- Communications Association*
- Criminal Justice Association
- Economics Club*
- Engineering World Health
- Finance Club
- FIRST Robotics®
- Forensic Sciences Club
- Historical Society
- Investments Club
- Institute of Electrical/Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IIE)*
- Management Association
- Marketing Association
- Math Club
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- Neuroscience Club
- Political Science Club/Model UN
- Pre-Law Society
- Pre-Med Club
- Pre-pharmacy Club
- Psychology Club
- Sign Language Club
- Social Workers Advocating Together (SWAT)
- Society for Automotive Engineers (BAJA)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)*
- Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
- Sport Management Association

### Spiritual Life
- Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
- Hillel
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Newman Club

### Special Interest Groups
- American Red Cross Association
- Art Club
- Campus Chorus
- Cheerleading Club
- Chess Club
- College Republicans
- Community Action Rewards Everyone (CARE)
- Dance Club
- Drumline
- Entrepreneurship Club
- Feminists Unite
- Gardening Club
- Gender/Sexuality Alliance (GSA)
- Golden Bear Bands (Concert, Pep)
- Golden Bear Commuters
- Golden Bear Rugby Team
- Improv on the Rocks (Improvisational Comedy)
- International Club
- Japanese Animation Society (WJAS)
- NAMI on Campus
- National Society for Leadership and Success (NSLS)
- One in Four
- Outing Club
- Photography Club
- SMART*
- SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee)
- Stageless Players
- United and Mutually Equal (U&ME)
- Ultimate Frisbee
- WARP (Role-Playing)
- Writer’s Workshop

### Student Senate
- Campus Activities Board
- Class Officers/Class Councils
- Freshman Council

### Honor Societies
- Alpha Kappa Delta—Sociology
- Alpha Lambda Delta—Freshmen
- Alpha Mu Alpha—Business
- Alpha Phi Sigma—Criminal Justice
- Beta Alpha Psi—Accounting
- Beta Gamma Sigma—Business
- Delta Delta Epsilon-Forensic Science
- Lambda Pi Eta—Communication
- Mortar Board—Senior
- Omicron Delta Kappa—Leadership
- Phi Alpha Theta—History
- Pi Mu Epsilon - Mathematics
- Pi Sigma Alpha—Political Science
- Psi Chi—Psychology
- Sigma Tau Delta—International English
- Sigma Beta Tau—Engineering
- Tau Beta Pi—Engineering

### Student Media
- Cupola (Yearbook)
- The Review of Art & Literature (Literary Magazine)
- The Westerner (Newspaper)
- WNEK The Voice (Radio Station)
- Golden Bear Television (On-Campus Television Station)

### Residence Hall Association
- Berkshire Hall Council
- Commonwealth Hall Council
- Everwood Council (Evergreen and Southwood)
- Franklin Hall Council
- Gateway Hall Council
- Hampden Hall Council
- LaRiviere Hall Council
- Plymouth Hall Council
- Windham Hall Council
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

*Inactive as of Fall 2019*
1. A career advisor for each College, plus one to help you explore different majors, we are all friendly, welcoming, and knowledgeable.

2. Need help finding the right major or career path? Come and talk with your career advisor and gain valuable information to help you choose a major and understand related career paths.

3. FREE assessment tools: learn how your personality and interests relate to your major, career, and future—come and find out.

4. It’s never too early to start gaining experience. Learn how on-campus jobs and activities off campus can make you stand out.

5. Receive information on academic internships, summer jobs, and other programs to help you build your résumé!

6. Résumés, cover letters, references, thank you notes, etc... the list can go on and on! Meet with your career advisor to learn how to write these documents and have them reviewed before they are sent.

7. More schooling? Learn about the graduate and professional school process early and create a strategy now for your success later.

8. Practice makes perfect (almost)! Participate in a mock interview. Develop your personalized elevator speech, so you are prepared for the real thing.

9. It’s all who you know... you’ve heard that. Learn the art of networking through the Career Development Center. We can help you strategize who is in your network and help you build those relationships so they are beneficial to you and your future.

10. It doesn’t cost a thing and you might even have a good time!

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CAREER ADVISOR

Sean Burke, College of Arts and Sciences
Maria Cokotis, College of Business
Loris Epps, College of Engineering
Andrea St. James, College of Arts & Sciences and Director of Career Development

To make an appointment to meet with your career advisor, call 413-782-1217, stop by the Career Development Center on the second floor of the St. Germain Campus Center, or email careercenter@wne.edu.
Important Dates

SPRING SEMESTER 2020

January 13  Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day–No Classes
January 21  Last Day to Add a Course(s) without Instructor’s Permission
January 28  Last Day to Add Course(s) with Instructor’s Permission
             Last Day to Change Course Status (Audit/Credit)
             Last Day to Withdraw from a Class Without a “W” on Transcript
March 2    Registration for 2020 Summer Classes Begins
March 7    Parents Association Quarterly Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
March 16-20  Spring Break Recess
             Residence Halls Close 3/14, 9:00pm; reopen 3/22, 1:00 p.m.
March 23   Last Day for Withdrawing from Course(s)–“W” Issued
March 30   Priority Registration for Fall Semester, 2020
May 1      Last Day of Classes
May 2-3    Study Days
May 4-8    Final Exam Period
May 11     Final Grades Due