

**Honors College**  
**Strategic Plan Spring 2019 - to Spring 2022**

*This plan incorporates the accomplishments of the 2015-2016 working group and changes made from the Fall 2015 semester to the present.*

**Honors College Mission Statement:**

At William Paterson University, Honors College students are given unique learning opportunities. We expect that Honors College students will work closely and collaboratively in multiple settings with exceptionally dedicated and talented peers and mentors. They will appreciate and learn meaningfully about the global and historical backgrounds and current circumstances of diverse groups of people, recognizing the interconnected nature of today's world. They will demonstrate an acceptance of ambiguity and a willingness to explore and think critically about multiple perspectives. They will evince a strong intellectual curiosity and a desire for lifelong learning. Honors College students will give presentations of their research with peers and mentors at events on campus and at regional or national conferences. They will lead and develop campus and community activities. The end of the program is the beginning of an enriched, accomplished, and compassionate life.

University Goal I.	Honors Goal	Objective
<b>Offer Academic Programs of the Highest Quality</b>	The Honors College will have a distinctive, high quality academic program promoting student research and creative performance.	Stable leadership
		Curricular reform through developing Student Learning Outcomes
		Curricular reform through updating first and second year requirements in line with UCC
		Curricular reform through updating and adding tracks
		Enhance and expand undergraduate research and creative performance participation
		Academic and intellectual engagement through collaborative teaching, research with faculty.

University Goal II.	Honors Goal	Objective
<b>Achieve Student Success by Increasing Matriculation, Retention, and Graduation</b>	The Honors College will enroll and graduate a diverse group of students.	Recruit current students into Honors College and Honors tracks
		Maintain first-year fall to fall retention above national average for Honors
		Grow diversity in Honors student population
		Maintain graduation rates
		Student engagement as seen in senior survey

University Goal III	Honors Goal	Objective
<b>Provide Students with Exceptional Opportunities Beyond the Classroom</b>	The Honors College will provide innovative, in-depth research opportunities and an intellectual community that develops creative and thoughtful student leaders through a civically engaged and globally informed curriculum.	Develop courses with embedded travel
		Develop co-curricular experiences associated with course time
		Develop co-curricular experiences outside of course time
		Develop and expand civic engagement (not in class).
		Increase conference presentations off campus
		Increase research and creative performance presentations on campus

University Goal IV	Honors Goal	Objective
<b>Enhance the Sense of Community Throughout and Beyond the University</b>	The Honors College will enhance the sense of community within Honors and between Honors and the university.	Host stellar events involving entire campus
		Develop relationship with Passaic County Family Head start
		Develop alumni engagement
		Develop community building programming beyond the first year within Honors

University Goal V	Honors Goal	Objective
<b>Establish the University as a Model of Outstanding, Affordable Public Higher Education</b>	The Honors College will build a community of scholars with high impact academic practices.	Recruit high performing students to WP at recruitment events
		Increase university scholarships
		Encourage private scholarships
		Percent of first year students who report HC as reason for attending Honors