

The background features a large, faint watermark of the William Paterson University seal. The seal is circular and contains the text "WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY" around the top edge, "1855" in the center, and "COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE" around the bottom edge. The seal also depicts a classical building with columns.

Welcome to the
Spring 2024
State of the University
Address

President Richard J. Helldobler
William Paterson University



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Atlantic Health System

Welcome Day



Dr. Jeanne Arnold
Chief Diversity Officer





**Reaffirming our Commitment to
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
and Social Justice**

\$7.5 Million

\$4.6 Million

in Additional State Funding



Family Portal

- Grown nearly 11% since its launch
- 1,300 registered users
- Email open rate in excess of 50%, Spanish speaking users more than 80%



Our Mission Statement

William Paterson University as a proud diverse community, designated as a public Hispanic and Minority Serving Institution, creates transformative academic and extracurricular experiences leading to meaningful careers, and promotes economic and social mobility. We empower our students through intentional and holistic support systems within flexible, innovative, and inclusive environments. Our graduates will power the New Jersey economy and beyond, thriving professionally and personally through a commitment to community engagement and social justice.

Approved by the William Paterson University
Board of Trustees November 17, 2023



MENU Wp Search

Good Morning It's Thursday, January 25, 2024

Awaiting Your Action
You're all caught up on your tasks.

Timely Suggestions
Here's where you'll get updates on your active items.

Recommended for You

Understand Your People Network
Based on your role
[View Org Chart](#)

Showcase Your Best Self with Your Profile
Based on your most popular actions
[Manage Profile](#)

Your Top Apps

- Time Off and Leave
- Time Off
- Payroll Absence & Time Track Dashboard
- Absence

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Athletic Fieldhouse Groundbreaking Ceremonies



Pioneer Pantry Ribbon Cutting



Alan and Michele Gorab Office of Alumni Relations Ribbon Cutting



Pioneer Volleyball Team



Enrollment Numbers

- **8.5%** gain in enrollment of first-time, full-time first-year students
- **17%** increase in new transfer students
- More than **16%** increase in new graduate students

Retention Data

- Fall to Spring retention is currently **87.3%**, which is nearly **1%** higher than the previous year
- **3.5%** gain for Black or African American students
- **3.3%** gain in Hispanic students

Spring Enrollment Data

- 9,338 students enrolled, which represents a 5.4% increase over last year
- Exceeded the main campus continuing student goal by 2.6%, a 1.9 percentage point increase in fall-to-spring retention of first-time, main campus students and by a 4% increase in new student enrollment

William Paterson alone was responsible for fully **one-third of the statewide growth in graduate enrollment in the public sector**

Looking Ahead to Fall

- First-time student applications are up **11.6%** over this time last year
- First-time student acceptances are up **19.2%**
- New student applications for fall 2024 are up **13.9%** and acceptances are up **20.3%**

A hand wearing a white work glove is shown in the upper right corner, resting on a brick wall. The entire image has a warm, orange-yellow color cast. The text is centered over the image.

5 Years

of Significant Accomplishments

A hand in a white glove is shown holding a brick against a wall made of similar bricks. The entire image has a warm, orange-gold color cast. Overlaid on the center is the text "POWERHOUSE OF PROGRESS" in a white, thick, brush-stroke font.

POWERHOUSE
OF PROGRESS



Labor Rally at the Botto House 1912





Hunziker Hall



Skyline Hall



Barbara Moll Grant Hall and Hennings Hall Ribbon Cuttings



Hennings Hall





Hunziker Hall



Skyline Hall



1800 Valley Road



Morrison Hall



Sports and Recreation Center



A pair of hands wearing white gloves is shown resting on a textured, light-colored stone surface. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color. In the center, there is a horizontal banner with a black left half and an orange right half. The text "Will. Power." is written in orange and yellow on the black background, and "101" is written in white on the orange background.

Will. Power. 101

Student Success Teams



AISHA HILL
FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR

LEXI CORIO '24
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT

JASON GREENHOUSE
PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR

LIZ BROWN
PROFESSOR, TEACHER EDUCATION: PRE-K-12

ALMA DIAZ
CAREER COACH



Unmatched support,

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

A strong support system is crucial to a successful education. Right from the start of their time at WP, every student is assigned a dedicated Student Success Team, including a professional advisor, a financial aid counselor, a career coach, and by sophomore year, a faculty mentor in their major. While their titles are different, the mission of these team members is the same: to support and guide you throughout your undergraduate career.

“William Paterson has supported me in every way to get me to where I am today.”

— LEXI CORIO '24

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**First Year Retention
went from 69.3% in 2018
to 72.7% in 2023**

Career Development

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- Hosted **62** distinct career events including career fairs, workshops, and employer-hosted events

Career Outcomes

The latest National Association of Colleges and Employers data shows that **86%** of the WP Class of 2022 had positive career outcomes six months after graduation – **a rate 4 percentage points higher** than public institutions, nationally

The rate for our Pesce Family Mentoring Institute grads, by the way, is an amazing **97%!**

Affordability and Value

1) Pledge 4 Success

2) Garden State Guarantee

3) More scholarship money

4) Containing costs



BUILDING A STRONGER
NEW JERSEY TOGETHER

Garden State Guarantee



Supporting more Students with more Scholarships

We closed a major student scholarship campaign, beating our \$10 million goal by 60 percent, raising **\$16 million** to increase and expand scholarship support for more students.

Supporting more Students with more Scholarships



A hand in a white glove is shown placing a brick onto a wall. The background is a warm, orange-toned image of a brick wall, with the hand and the brick being the central focus. The text is overlaid on this image.

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- **50%** more dollar support than five years ago

Pioneer Pantry







**Outperformed our peers in
8 of 10 engagement indicators**

WP *Online*

From 0 to **3,600** Students in
Less than 4 years

WP *Online*

In 2018, before the launch of WP Online, we enrolled 245 students in our excellent M-B-A program. Last Fall, **that number had nearly tripled, to 719 students!**

WP *Online*

- WP Online undergraduate adult learners were retained at rates **29%** higher than in similar programs nationally.
- William Paterson's third-term reenrollment rates were **89%**





A hand wearing a white glove is shown resting on a brick wall. The entire image has a warm, orange-yellow color cast. The text 'University Core Curriculum' is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, serif font with a slight drop shadow.

University Core Curriculum

U.S. News & World Report Top Regional University and Best Value School

2018: 55th percentile

2023: 42nd percentile

Ranking from 102 to 69

U.S. News & World Report Social Mobility

2018: 37th percentile

2023: **13th** percentile

U.S. News & World Report

- U.S. News “Best Colleges for Veterans” – ranked 32nd
- Achieved national recognition for our nursing and undergraduate business and psychology programs

CollegeNet's 2023 Social Mobility Index

- Top **4.25%** among 1,200 institutions nationally – climbing 14 spots from last year to 51st

Campus Pride Index

- Earned **4.5 out of 5** as an LGBTQ-friendly campus



A hand in a white sleeve points towards the text on a brick wall background with a warm orange glow.

DEI

Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Black Cultural Center

Center for Latinidad

President's Diversity Lecture Series

