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HERD HIGHLIGHTS

Herd Highlights is a bi-weekly newsletter for all students—graduate and undergraduate. Send us your feedback: herdhighlights@wpi.edu

A Message From the Dean

It's starting to feel a little like spring and I can't wait for all our outdoor spaces to be abuzz with activity as the weather warms and the days get longer. Whether you toss a frisbee, play spikeball or cornhole, or go for a walk or run, now is the time to get out of your room and into green spaces.

Spring is also the time to learn about the many interesting MQP and thesis projects our seniors and graduate students are working on—they are truly changing the world. I look forward to some of the many annual events such as QuadFest, Greek Week, Relay for Life, the Alliance Drag Show, and the BSU Fashion Show. Be sure to [check out MyWPI](#) and the calendars posted around campus for all the fun and interesting events happening in the coming months.

—Dean Perlow

Find all the supportive resources you need [here at student resources](#).

DATES & DEADLINES

**Through
March 14**

No fee added for D-Term Courses

**Thursday,
March 14**

[IQP Fair](#)

**Thursday,
March 21**

[University Lecture](#)

March 18-22

Late fee added for D-Term Courses

March 18-22

Housing Selection Week

**Through
March 22**

No fee drop for D-Term Courses

**Thursday,
March 22**

President Wang's Inauguration; details below

**Monday,
March 25**

[Applications due](#) for Summer Transition Assistant

**Tuesday,
March 26**

Wellness Day, no classes

**Wednesday,
May 8**

Residence halls close for the summer

Looking for an event?

Check the calendars below or the WPI Mobile App.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR →

MyWPI →

ATHLETICS →

Did You Know?

Office of Accessibility Services

Students are encouraged to connect with the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) if they want to explore putting accommodations in place. Please contact the office to discuss the interactive process and documentation needed.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OAS →

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join a Special Panel Discussion on AI and the

On the eve of her inauguration, President Wang will moderate an exciting and timely University Lecture, with a [panel discussion](#) on how AI will revolutionize the future workforce. The three panelists are AI industry experts with specialized backgrounds in hyper-personalized

Future of Work

healthcare, neural networks, and successful entrepreneurship. As you think about your future career and prepare to enter the job market, you won't want to miss the panelists' unique insights.

- **When:** Thursday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Rubin Campus Center Odeum

[RSVP here →](#)

Celebrate With Everyone at WPI

When was the last time you got to party with your favorite professors and staff while eating free food? Come to the Sports and Rec Center the night of Inauguration and give our new president a warm welcome. We'll be taking over the whole building and celebrating with food, music, dancing, and other fun activities. Who knows—if you arrive early enough, you might even get to build your own stuffed goat.

- **When:** Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m.
- **Where:** Sports and Recreation Center

[RSVP here →](#)

Course Registration

Registration for Fall 24/Spring 25 is right around the corner! Be sure to check Workday for your specific registration appointments (you have separate dates for fall and spring course registration) and to review and resolve any holds you may have in advance.

[Course Registration details →](#)

Math and Science Help (MASH) for D-Term

MASH review sessions are offered for math, science, and computer science courses that are critical for student success.

[View D-Term 2023 MASH Schedule →](#)

[View tutored course list for D-Term 2024 →](#)

Housing Selection Times Sent March 18-22

Group leaders will receive their selection times March 18-22. Be sure to check your WPI email address if your group is participating in the housing selection process.

[Housing Selection Process →](#)

16th Annual Sustainability Showcase

WPI students are invited to participate in WPI's 16th Annual Sustainability Project Showcase, hosted by the Office of Sustainability and Gordon Library. Submissions are open to any student project that tackles a sustainability-related problem (local or global), related to at least one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A \$500 cash prize will be awarded in each of the graduate and undergraduate categories.

For important deadlines and more info:

[Learn more about the showcase →](#)

Student Commencement

We're looking for a few students from the Class of 2024 to address their fellow graduates in a 5-minute speech at

Speakers Needed

Convocation on May 7 and at
Commencement on May 9 and 10.

[Commencement Speaker Application](#)



Careers in Cybersecurity — SECURE IT, March 2024

Wondering what kind of roles exist in the cybersecurity field and how to get there? Find out in this month's newsletter from Information Security.

[March 2024 SECURE IT](#) →

Ramadan March 10 to April 10

Ramadan is one of the holiest periods in the Islamic calendar—it's a time when Muslim students, faculty, and staff fast from dawn until dusk. For Muslims who are able, fasting means abstaining from all food and drink (yes, even water) from sunrise until sunset. It's also a time of prayer, good deeds, and reflection. After a traditional sunset prayer, those of the Muslim faith gather to break the fast with a nutritious meal called iftar, often shared with friends and family. The beginning and end of Ramadan fluctuates each year because the lunar Islamic calendar follows the moon phases and are declared by a moon sighting committee in Saudi Arabia or by specific nations' announcements. This year, Ramadan is expected to extend from sundown on March 10 and culminates in a celebration called Eid-al-Fitr on April 10.

Ramadan Mubarak to those celebrating this season!

Ramadan meals are available in Morgan Hall from March 10 through April 9. Please reach out to Christian Carrasquillo at ccoredero@wpi.edu for more information.

Dining News

Here's what's new with dining at Tech Eats!

[March Dining News →](#)

Graduate and Undergraduate Students: Last Chance to Register for D-Term ProjectConnect!

Registration closes at noon on Friday, March 15th! You are a great candidate for ProjectConnect if you:

- Would enjoy getting to know an awesome group of students.
- Are a community-builder and want to improve student well-being.
- Want to have deeper, more interesting conversations.

There are groups for graduate and undergraduate students—find out more and register here:

[Undergraduates →](#)

[Graduates →](#)

Use Merit Pages to Mark Your Successes This Year

Take advantage of the online platform, Merit Pages, WPI's student success tool. From research and academic awards to study abroad, volunteer work and co-curricular activities, your Merit Page is a verified professional profile that WPI builds and that you can add to and share with prospective employers, graduate schools, and others. Don't forget to check out and update your Merit page as

appropriate!

[Learn more and find your Merit page →](#)

Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month! Celebrate by trying some new recipes! Chicken or tofu can be substituted for tilapia in this recipe. Enjoy!

[Spicy Mediterranean Tilapia recipe →](#)

Celebrate Women's History Month 2024

WPI and ODIME celebrate by honoring and highlighting the contributions of women to events throughout history. We encourage our community to study, observe, and celebrate the countless (and sometimes nameless) women who have contributed to this Institute as well as other communities, organizations, and entities around the world.

[Women's History Month →](#)

IN OTHER NEWS

Beloved Four-Legged Member of Campus Police Department to Retire

Eight years after WPI became the first college in Massachusetts with its own explosive-detection dog, K-9 Bella is retiring. Her handler, Officer Brian Lavalley, and others reflect on Bella's career and what this lovable Lab has brought to the campus community.

[Celebrate Bella →](#)

Suggestions Welcome

What do you want to know about? Have a suggestion for content?
If you'd like to submit content for consideration in the next issue of
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