WPU STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Traditions and Annual Signature Events at William Peace University

Office of Student Involvement and Student Government & Programming Association (SGPA)

Red Rose Ball

The annual Red Rose Ball brings students together in the spring for a mid-semester celebration. It is one of our most time honored traditions. Decked in formal wear based on your unique style at a location in our beautiful city of Raleigh, this event is filled with live music, elevated food and a photo booth to commemorate the event. This all-out event allows students to be creative with their attire and celebrate their community at WPU. *Sponsored by the Student Government & Programming Association (SGPA)*

Holiday Celebration

This experience brings together WPU students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni to celebrate the start of the holiday season. The event includes a holiday dinner in the Belk Dining Hall, the Moravian Love Feast service in the Dinwiddie Chapel, the Lighting of Main Lawn, ending with a holiday tree and a hot cocoa bar and desserts. *Sponsored by (SGPA), Chaplain's Office, Pacer Dining and Facilities & Grounds.*

Traditions Dinner

Traditions Dinner, held in September, recognizes our past as Peace College in a special way. Faculty, staff and administrators volunteer to provide a full service dining experience to the Pacer community with an elevated, plated meal. This recognizes the tradition of faculty and staff serving the women of Peace College meals each day many years ago. *Sponsored by SGPA.*

Last Day of Classes Festival (LDOC)

Our largest university tradition at William Peace University is our annual Last Day of Classes Festival, or LDOC as we like to call it. This event, held on the last day of classes in the spring, brings together our entire campus community – students, faculty, staff, administration and their families to celebrate the success of another great year at WPU. The event is filled with an exciting barbecue dinner, dessert food trucks, inflatables, caricature artists, live music, carnival games from departments and student organizations, a photo booth and so much more. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement, SGPA, and various campus departments*

Late Night Breakfast

Held each semester during finals week, Late Night Breakfast brings together over 300 Pacers for an event to destress and enjoy a favorite – breakfast for dinner. Faculty and staff volunteer to serve Pacers an elaborate breakfast buffet as a break during finals week. Students get the chance to walk away with some awesome giveaways to help them make it through the final stretch. *Sponsored by SGPA*

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Student Leadership Awards Ceremony

Our annual Student Leadership Awards Ceremony recognizes WPU student leaders for their achievements in academic and student life involvement, registered student organizations for their hard work to build community on campus and celebrates our success to make WPU a more vibrant place. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement and SGPA*

Pacer Pride Fridays

Pacer Pride Fridays encourages students to show their school pride through their apparel each Friday. Fun events to complement this include tailgating events thrown and a swag swap – an opportunity to donate your apparel from another institution to a local non-profit in exchange for a WPU shirt. *Sponsored by SGPA and Office of Human Resources*

Welcome Back Comedy Show

The best ab workout around is had at the annual Welcome Back Comedy Show. This hilarious event takes place at the start of each semester during our welcome week programming. Past comedians have TV credits like Conan, MTV's Girl Code, Wild n' Out, Comedy Central and BET, plus international acclaim at the best comedy festivals. *Sponsored by SGPA*

MLK Day of Service

MLK Day of Service is WPU's largest community service event, bringing together WPU students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni to give back to the city we are lucky to call home. Buses of participants head out into the local community to provide valuable service, to honor the legacy and community activism of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Past community partners have included Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Urban Ministries. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement*

WPU's Got Talent

Showcasing the diverse talents of our WPU community, WPU's Got Talent is an annual event held each spring. The event welcomes students with any talents including singing, acting, poetry, dance and everything in between. The event includes a special celebrity panel of judges. The fun atmosphere is complemented by a national recording artist or group to serve as headliners. Past acts have credits including The Voice, American Idol, international tours and America's Got Talent. *Sponsored by SGPA*

SGPA Week

The annual week-long celebration, referred to as the "best week of the year" is filled with over 8 events to help students kickback and have fun before the rush of the end of the spring semester. Events typically include a comedy show, live music night, movie night, late night dance party and much more. *Sponsored by SGPA*

Purpose@Peace Student Engagement Fair

Held each September, the Purpose@Peace Student Engagement Fair brings together academic majors, registered student organizations, community service opportunities and part-time job and internship

opportunities under one event. A student gets the chance to see how their major, interests and goals can come to life in this interactive, fun event. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement, Advising Services and Career Design Center*