

## STUDENT NAME CHANGE

In support of Wilkes University's commitment to provide an equitable and safe experience for students whose birth name and/or legal name does not reflect their gender identity or expression, Wilkes accepts requests from such students to use a chosen first and/or middle name on certain University records. A student's chosen name will be used where feasible in all University systems.

To start the process of requesting a name and/or gender marker change, visit the Registrar's Office (or website) or the Title IX Office (or website) to obtain the Name Change Request Form.

For questions or to discuss the process, students may contact:

**Susan A. Hritzak**

Registrar  
susan.hritzak@wilkes.edu  
570-408-4859

**Elizabeth Leo**

Title IX Coordinator  
elizabeth.leo@wilkes.edu  
570-408-7788

## HOUSING

Wilkes University's housing application invites students to include a chosen name and how they identify. Additionally, transgender students will have the option to take an active role in choosing an appropriate on-campus housing assignment that corresponds with their gender identity. Wilkes has a wide variety of housing options and can also offer a single room to any student who wishes to have more privacy. Residence Life will make every effort to provide the most appropriate on-campus housing assignment for every student.

For questions or to discuss housing assignments, please contact:

**Amy Hunter**

Assistant Director of Residence Life  
amy.hunter@wilkes.edu  
570-408-4339

## NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Wilkes University is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all members of our community and to ensuring that all educational and employment decisions are based on individuals' abilities and qualifications.

Wilkes University prohibits discrimination in its educational programs, employment, admissions or any activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, pregnancy, gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, marital or family status, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local laws.

Discriminatory conduct including sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct or violence such as rape, sexual assault, sexual exploitation and coercion will not be tolerated.

Consistent with this principle, Wilkes University will comply with state and federal laws such as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act or other applicable state law, Title IX, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Ethnic Intimidation Act of 1982 (P.L. 537-154) and other laws that prohibit discrimination.

Any member of the Wilkes University community has the right to raise concerns or make a complaint regarding discrimination under this policy without fear of retaliation. Inquiries about this policy statement may be addressed to the University's Title IX Coordinator.

**Wilkes  
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[www.wilkes.edu](http://www.wilkes.edu)

Wilkes University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit [www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination](http://www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination).



**Wilkes  
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**LGBTQIAP+ STUDENT  
SUPPORT SERVICES  
and Resource Guide**



Wilkes University aims to create a safe, inclusive environment for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression. Accordingly, Wilkes offers support, educational resources, and advocacy for the members of our LGBTQIAP+ community.

## ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES



### SAFE SPACE

safespace@wilkes.edu  
wilkes.edu/safespace

The Safe Space program provides education on concerns, support, terminology, and resources for the LGBTQIAP+ community. The

visibility of the safe space sticker allows the campus community to identify supportive faculty, staff, and students who have been through the Safe Space program, which allows students on campus to know that they can speak freely with these individuals about LGBTQIAP+ issues. It also creates a network of Allies to advocate for LGBTQIAP+ inclusion and equity.

### OFFICE OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

diversity@wilkes.edu  
wilkes.edu/safespace

You can visit Erica Acosta, the Director of Diversity, in the Center for Global Education and Diversity (corner of South Street and Franklin Street) or call 570-408-7856 to schedule an appointment.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES CENTER

wilkes.edu/HealthAndWellnessServices

You can visit the staff in the Health and Wellness Office (first floor Passan Hall) or call 570-408-4730 to schedule an appointment.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

wilkes.edu/CounselingServices

You can visit the office (first floor Passan Hall) or call 570-408-4730 to make an appointment.

### WILKES UNIVERSITY GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE



The Wilkes GSA is a student club that offers support, advocacy, social activities, and public outreach on behalf of LGBTQ+ students. Contact the faculty advisor for more information at:

Dr. Helen Davis  
helen.davis@wilkes.edu  
570-408-4548

## OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES (LOCAL)

### RAINBOW ALLIANCE

neparainbowalliance.org  
facebook.com/neparainbow

### QUEER NEPA

facebook.com/queernepa

### PA YOUTH CONGRESS

payouthcongress.org

### BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

bradburysullivancenter.org

### CARING COMMUNITIES

www.caringpa.org/wilkes-barre

## OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES (NATIONAL)

### NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

transequality.org

### TRANS CRISIS HOTLINE

translifeline.org

### NATIONAL GAY LESBIAN TASK FORCE

www.thetaskforce.org

### BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

biresource.org

### BINET USA

www.binetusa.org

### HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

www.hrc.org

### NATIONAL BLACK JUSTICE COALITION

www.nbjcoalition.org

### CENTER FOR BLACK EQUITY

centerforblackequity.org

### LGBTQ ARCHITECT WEBSITE

architect.lgbtcampus.org

### INTERACT: ADVOCATES FOR INTERSEX YOUTH

interactadvocates.org

### LGBT CAMPUS CONSORTIUM

www.lgbtcampus.org

### GAY ASIAN PACIFIC SUPPORT NETWORK

www.gaspn.org

### ASEXUAL VISIBILITY & EDUCATION NETWORK

www.asexuality.org

### CAMPUS PRIDE WEBSITE

www.campuspride.org

## ALL-GENDER RESTROOM ACCESS

Wilkes University strives to sustain a campus environment that supports and values all members of our community, including visitors. One aspect of creating a comfortable environment is providing safe, accessible and convenient restroom facilities. In keeping with the University's policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity, the University permits and encourages individuals to use the restroom that corresponds to their gender identity.

To ensure all members of our community have the option to utilize private restrooms should they wish to do so, the University has designated all-gender restrooms in many of the campus buildings. Please see a complete list of locations where all-gender bathrooms are located throughout campus below.

### ALUMNI HOUSE

Location: 1 on first fl. and 2 on second fl.  
Total: 3

### LIBRARY

Location: 033 in basement  
Total: 1

### FACILITIES

Location: 2 on first fl.  
Total: 2

### UCOM

Location: first fl. by ROTC and Starbucks  
Total: 2

### PASSAN

Location: 1 on each fl.  
Total: 3

### MINOR MOAT

Location: 1 on each fl.  
Total: 2

### KIRBY HALL

Location: 1 on the first and third fl.; 2 on the second fl.  
Total: 4

### BEDFORD

Location: 2 on the first fl. and 1 on the second fl.  
Total: 3

### CHASE

Location: 1 on the first and third fl.  
Total: 2

### WECKESSER

Location: 1 on each fl.  
Total: 3

### WECKESSER ANEX

Location: 1 on second fl.  
Total: 1

### 236 S RIVER

Location: East Stairway on Ground Level  
Total: 1

### CAPIN HALL

Location: 1 on 2nd and 1 on 3rd  
Total: 2

### ALLAN P. KIRBY CENTER

Location: 1 on each fl.  
Total: 2

### KARAMBELAS MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION CENTER

Location: 134  
Total: 1

### ARNAUD C. MARTS CENTER

Location: 206 & 210  
Total: 2

### MAX ROTH

Location: 109, 205, and 307  
Total: 3

### MILLER HALL

Location: 205, 305  
Total: 2

### UNIVERSITY TOWERS SUITE A

Location: HR  
Total: 2

### UNIVERSITY TOWERS SUITE B

Location: Institutional research  
Total: 1

### UNIVERSITY TOWERS SUITE C

Location: Shine/Grants  
Total: 2

### CONYNGHAM

Location: 210, 315, and 1 on the third fl. between room 305 & 306  
Total: 3

### SLC

Location: 2 in the basement by nursing, first fl. by 101, 239, 310, 419  
Total: 6