

FRESH BEATS NEW BEGINNINGS

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT WELCOME WEEKEND 2025

Wilkes University



IMPORTANT INFO

LOCAL DESTINATIONS

MY E-MENTOR: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

MY ACADEMIC ADVISOR: _____
Advisor's Office: _____
Office Hours: _____
Office Phone: _____

REMEMBER: Your mentor and academic advisor are great resources to keep in touch with throughout the year, especially during your first week of classes!

FIRST-YEAR PHONEBOOK

Student Development/e-Mentor Program <i>Henry Student Center, First Floor Info Desk</i> 570-408-4014 orientation@wilkes.edu	IT Help Desk <i>Farley Library, First Floor</i> 570-408-4357 helpdesk@wilkes.edu
Residence Life <i>Max Roth Center, Second Floor</i> 570-408-4350 reslife@wilkes.edu	Campus Facilities - Repairs, restocks, etc. <i>South Main St.</i> 570-408-2349 2fix@wilkes.edu
Registrar's Office - Scheduling classes <i>Capin Hall, First Floor</i> 570-408-4004 registrar@wilkes.edu	Campus Counseling <i>Passan Hall, Second Floor</i> 570-408-4100 24/7 Crisis Line: 570-408-2428 maria.richards@wilkes.edu OR melissa.gaudio@wilkes.edu
Financial Aid <i>Capin Hall, Second Floor</i> 570-408-4512 registrar@wilkes.edu	Office of Academic Excellence & Student Success <i>Passan Hall, Second Floor</i> 570-408-4100 student.affairs@wilkes.edu
Wilkes University Police Department - Public Safety, ID cards, parking <i>South Main St. Parking Garage, First Floor</i> Non-Emergency: 570-408-4377 Emergency: 570-408-4999 publicsafety@wilkes.edu	

CAFES

Abide Coffeehouse
Bagel Bar
Center City Cafe
Crimson Lion Lounge & Cafe
Curry Donuts
Dunkin'
Matterns Floral Cafe
Purrfect Mugs Cat Cafe
Pour Coffeehouse
Starbucks
Strange and Unusual
Sweet Treet

LUNCH/DINNER

Abe's Hot Dogs
Amber Indian Express
Anthracite Cafe
Asian Kitchen
The Atrium
The Burnt Norton
Cafe Toscana
The Canning House
Circles on the Square
Crown Fried Chicken
Dogwood's Deli and Subs
The Down Pour
DP Dough
El Rey Azteca
Empanada King
Ferris's Lunch
Flaming Crab
Golden Star
Goldstein's Deli
Habibi Halal Food King
Hartman Jerk Center
Istanbul Grill
King of Kings Gyros
Kingza Asian Cuisine
KJ's Pickle Barrel
La Cantina Amigon
La Tolteca
Margarita Azul
Market Street Burgers

Mirakuya Japanese
Mizu Sushi
Nucleus Raw Foods
Patte's Sports Bar
Pete's Place
Philadelphia Subs
Red Leaf Salad Company
River Grille
Rodano's
Royal House Buffet
The Scratch Kitchen
Shogun Japanese Restaurant
Thai Thai
Theo's Metro
Yummy Bowl

PIZZA

Angelo's Pizzeria
Antonio's Pizza
CJ's Pizza and Subs
Dough Company
Franco's Pizzeria
The Frog Pond Pub
Gerry's Pizzeria
Grotto Pizza
Januzzi's Pizza and Subs
Pronto Pizzeria
Revello's Pizza
Ricci's Pizza
For more info on our area's rich pizza culture, check out visitnepa.org/pizza-trail

NATIONAL FAVORITES

Applebee's
Baskin Robbins
Blaze Pizza
Bubbakoo's Burritos
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burger King
Chick-Fil-A
Chipotle Mexican Grill
CoreLife Eatery
Cracker Barrel

Dairy Queen
Denny's
Domino's
Duck Donuts
Five Guys
Jersey Mike's Subs
KFC
LongHorn Steakhouse
McDonald's
Miller's Ale House
Mission BBQ
Moe's Southwest Grill
Olive Garden
Outback Steakhouse
Panera Bread
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Papeye's Chicken
Primo Hoagies
Red Lobster
Red Robin
Smokey Bones
Sonic Drive-In
Subway
Taco Bell
Texas Roadhouse
TGI Friday's
Wendy's

DESSERT & SWEETS

Amberdonia Bakery
Amigon's Bakery
Bakery Delite
Curly Creme Soft Ice Cream
Handel's Homemade Ice Cream
Josie's Frozen Custard & Italian Ice
Las Delicias el Paraiso
Malacari's Ice Cream
Manning's Farmhouse Ice Cream
Shoppe Michael Mootz Candies
Snack Shack
Something Special Bakery
The Lands at Hillside Farms
What's Shaken

HOTELS

Mohegan Sun Pocono - 1280 PA-315, Wilkes-Barre
The Woodlands Inn - 1073 PA-315, Wilkes-Barre
Fairfield Inn & Suites - 884 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre
Home2Suites by Hilton - 872 Schechter Dr., Wilkes-Barre (+15708210777)
**Asterisk denotes Wilkes rate*

GROCERIES

Aldi
Caribbean Paradise
Deemer's Discount Groceries
Dollar General
The Fresh Grocer
Price Chopper
Malacari's Produce and Deli
Market 32
Sam's Club
Schiel's Family Market
Target
Walmart
Wegmans
Weis Markets

HEALTH SERVICES

Wilkes University Health Services
CVS Pharmacy
Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center
MedExpress (2 locations)
Medicine Shoppe
Rite Aid Pharmacy
Walgreens Pharmacy
Walmart Pharmacy
Wegmans Pharmacy
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

SALONS & BARBER SHOPS

Ace of Fades Barbershop
Alexander's Salon & Spa
Bobby Pin Studio
Clipperheads Barbershop
Dare 2 Be Different Salon
Donn Michael's Salon
Eclectic Hair Salon
Gabriel's Barbershop
Identity Styling Salon
Loyalty Barbershop
Studio 570 Salon
Supercuts
Union + Main

IMPORTANT DATES

MOVE-IN DAY - AUG. 21

RHC MOVIE NIGHT - AUG. 21

FY STUDENT CONVOCATION - AUG. 22

COLONEL CARNIVAL - AUG. 22

MSC COOKOUT - AUG. 23

WUPB DRAG BINGO - AUG. 23

CLUB PROGRAMMING - AUG. 24

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - AUG. 25

CLUB DAY - SEPT. 4

FY CHACKO'S BOWLING NIGHT - SEPT. 9

HOCO & FAMILY WEEKEND - OCT. 3 - 5

FALL BREAK - OCT. 9 - 12

FY REGISTRATION BINGO - NOV. 4

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NOV. 26 - 30

LAST DAY OF CLASSES - DEC. 8

FINALS WEEK - DEC. 8 - 15

WINTER BREAK - DEC. 15 - JAN. 12

WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

HENRY STUDENT CENTER, HENRY'S FOOD COURT, THIRD FLOOR

BREAKFAST HOURS: 7 - 11 AM

LUNCH HOURS: 11 AM - 2:30 PM

Students will be able to enjoy breakfast and lunch, buffet style in our Henry's Cafe catered by Aramark Food Services. Meal plans will be active for all resident students by using their Wilkes ID. Meal passes will be provided for commuter students.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9 AM - 4 PM: MOVE-IN AND CHECK-IN FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Residential students will be able to pick up their Wilkes ID card, key for their assigned residence hall and detailed schedule of the weekend's events. Students will move in according to their e-Mentor assignment.

4:30 - 7:30 PM: DINNER, HENRY STUDENT CENTER, THIRD FLOOR

Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a meal on campus in our Henry's Cafe. Henry's Cafe is traditional buffet style and catered by Aramark Food Services.

7:30 - 10:30 PM: MOVIE ON THE GREENWAY, FENNER QUADRANGLE

Join Residence Hall Council on the greenway for a movie night! Snacks will be provided and the first 150 people who show up will get a free blanket! We hope to see you there!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8 - 9 AM: COMMUTER STUDENT CHECK-IN & WELCOME, FIRST FLOOR, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Students will be able to pick up their Wilkes ID and schedule of the weekend's events. Get ready to meet your e-Mentor!

9 AM - NOON: ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Students will meet their e-Mentors to explore their campus community and engage in different activities, including meeting their mentors, Library Passport Activity, personalized classroom tours, the Career Gateway and Waffles With Walter!

1 PM: LINE UP, FENNER QUADRANGLE

All first-year students will meet on the greenway to walk together to Convocation. You don't want to miss this Wilkes tradition. Be sure to wear your Welcome Weekend T-shirt for this portion of the day!

1:30 - 2:30 PM: CONVOCATION, MARTS CENTER

With your e-Mentor and other first-year students from your college, start the year off by meeting your fellow classmates and by learning what Wilkes and your first-year experience is all about!



WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE

3 - 4:30 PM: COMMUTER SOCIAL, FARLEY LIBRARY SOCIAL, COMMUTER LOUNGE

Enjoy a fun afternoon with drinks, snacks and lots of games. Take this opportunity to meet fellow commuters, make new friends and create great memories.

3 - 4:30 PM: RESIDENCE HALL SOCIAL, YOUR ASSIGNED RESIDENCE HALL

Students will meet their hallmates and their RA, go over important information and get to know each other, starting off the year on the right foot!

4:30 - 6 PM: HONORS PROGRAM SOCIAL, STARK LEARNING CENTER 259

Honors Program students will be able to mingle and socialize with fellow honors students, meet the program's staff and go over important information regarding the program.

6 - 7 PM: BARRE SCHOLARS SOCIAL, STARK LEARNING CENTER 105

Students from the Barre Scholars Program will be able to mingle and socialize with fellow honors students, meet the program's staff and go over important information regarding the program.

4:30 - 8 PM: DINNER, HENRY STUDENT CENTER, HENRY'S FOOD COURT, THIRD FLOOR

Students will be able to enjoy a buffet-style meal with their mentor groups in Henry's Cafe catered by Aramark Food Services. Meal Plans will be active for all resident students using their Wilkes ID. Meal Passes will be provided for all commuter students.

7 - 9 PM: COLONEL CARNIVAL, FENNER QUADRANGLE

Get to know the campus community in style! Enjoy carnival games, win prizes and meet your fellow Colonels! *This event will be moved to the McHale Athletic Center (MAC) in the case of inclement weather.

9:30 - 11 PM: PIZZA PARTY, HENRY STUDENT CENTER

Join the e-Mentor team for late-night pizza in the Henry Student Center.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

11AM - NOON: LEARN YOUR WAY AROUND LIVE (D2L) AND WILKES IT ESSENTIALS, HENRY STUDENT CENTER, JPAC, SECOND FLOOR

Come learn from our e-Mentors on how to navigate the Wilkes portal, find your classes on LIVE, how to check grades and so much more! Wilkes IT will be providing tips and tricks for internet and network usage across campus.

NOON - 3 PM: FENNER QUADRANGLE COOKOUT BY MSC

Come join the Multicultural Student Coalition for our Annual Cultural Cookout! Kick off the semester with great food, great music and good vibes as we welcome you to campus! Meal tickets are not needed for this event. Come out and have some fun with MSC!

ESSENTIAL APPS



Suitable allows you to stay connected with clubs – manage, attend, find and enjoy your clubs!



GrubHub Mobile is the mobile-ordering app here on campus. Use it to order ahead at B+F, WhichWich and Greens2Go!



Handshake is the essential app for all things careers and internships! Download it, set up a profile, and show the Career Center staff on Friday, August 22, and **win a T-shirt!**



Gmail will be your go-to for receiving updates from professors, important campus updates and other must-know messages. **Keep your notifications on!**



Pulse connects L.I.V.E./D2L to your phone! Receive instant notifications when professors post grades, assignments, announcements and the like.



Wilkes Shield is the app for Wilkes Public Safety. Quickly contact WUPD, report incidents, call the Colonel Connector, etc.



GET Mobile App comes in handy when keeping track of your Dining and Flex Dollars. You can add funds on-the-go and it can be used as your swipe when making a payment in place of your student ID.



SHUTTLE SYSTEM

The Wilkes University Facilities Department offers a shuttle service, which is available to all students. Shuttles will depart Ralston Field and the Henry Student Center every 20 minutes. The schedule and routes are as follows:

SHUTTLE TIMES

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7 AM TO 7 PM

SUNDAY: 6 PM TO 10 PM

SHUTTLE ROUTES: Shuttles run in the numerical order listed below.

1. HENRY STUDENT CENTER PARKING LOT

2. WEST NORTHAMPTON ST.

Shuttle stop is located in the driveway between Evans Hall and Roth Hall.

3. RALSTON FIELD PARKING LOT

4. WEST NORTHAMPTON ST. - UPON REQUEST ONLY

Shuttle stop is located in the driveway between Evans Hall and Roth Hall.

Please notify the driver when boarding the shuttle that you would like to get off here. Failure to do so may require you to wait until the return trip to exit at this stop. In order to catch the shuttle at this location, please stand at the shuttle sign and signal to the driver as they approach.

5. SIMMS CENTER/CAMPUS GATEWAY, SOUTH MAIN ST. - UPON REQUEST ONLY

Shuttle stop is located at the Gateway.

In order to catch the shuttle at this location, please stand at the Gateway entrance and signal to the driver as they approach.



WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE

2 - 3:40 PM: BREAKOUT SESSIONS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS

SESSION 1, 2-2:30 PM BUILDING SKILLS FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS, STARK LEARNING CENTER 105

Join the Office of Academic Success for a staff review of tips for organization, managing time/tasks, studying, professor expectations and more!

SESSION 2, 2:35-3:05 PM COLLEGE BUDGET WORKSHOP, BREISETH HALL 106

Students will be able to learn essential money management skills for students, including student loan and credit card debt education.

SESSION 3, 3:10 - 3:40 PM WILKES-BARRE TUTORIAL, BREISETH HALL 108

Here, students will be able to learn more of the “insider scoop” on student life on campus, as well as other important facets of the Wilkes-Barre area, all presented by our e-Mentor program.

4:30 - 6:30 PM: DINNER, HENRY STUDENT CENTER, HENRY'S FOOD COURT, THIRD FLOOR

Students will be able to enjoy dinner in our Henry's Cafe. Meal plans will be active for all resident students using their Wilkes ID. Meal passes will be provided for commuter students.

6 - 8 PM: RECORD PAINTING, SORDONI ART GALLERY

Celebrate the friendships you've made on campus so far and tap into your musical side by painting some vinyl records!

7 - 9 PM: FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE, RALSTON ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Get into the Colonel spirit early in the semester! Take the campus shuttles from the Henry Student Center parking lot to the football field and watch the team practice for the upcoming season!

8 - 10 PM: DRAG BINGO, HENRY STUDENT CENTER, JPAC, SECOND FLOOR

Sponsored by Programing Board and hosted by Memphis Divine, come play a Wilkes University hallmark - bingo! Come play and see if you can win some awesome prizes! Can you lip-sync for the win?



WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

ALL DAY: FREE PLAY DAY, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Unwind before the first day of classes with various activities both on and off campus! You can attend events with certain clubs here on campus, and take the campus shuttles to the Wyoming Valley Mall and surrounding stores for shopping or Hillside Farms for some delicious frozen treats from 11 am - 5 pm.

CHECK OUT THESE FUN EVENTS HOSTED BY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

11 AM - 12:30 PM: POP IN & CONNECT, CONYNGHAM 113

New to Wilkes? You're not alone – and you're invited!

Join us for a low-key, fun welcome event for EDGE students and first-generation college students. Stop by for snacks, meet other students who are starting their journey just like you, and connect with friendly staff and mentors who are here to support you every step of the way. Come as you are – stay for a few minutes or the whole time. We can't wait to meet you!

11 AM - 1 PM: PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SOCIETY, COHEN SCIENCE CENTER 102

Join the Pre-Professional Health Society for friendship bracelet making!

11 AM - 1 PM: PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, FENNER QUADRANGLE

Join the Psychology Club as they host a sidewalk chalk event, leaving messages all over the greenway as they hand out popsicles!

1 PM: PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH ADVISING PROGRAM'S WELCOME MOCKTAIL MIXER, COHEN SCIENCE CENTER 102

Join us to meet and engage with students working toward similar goals of professional school and careers in health! There will be music, charcuterie, snacks and an assortment of beverages, including "create your own mocktails"!

12 - 3 PM: WE'RE EMPOWERED BY SCIENCE, COHEN SCIENCE CENTER 220

Join WEBS to make your own lava lamp and DNA keychain!

2 - 4 PM: WILKES ADVENTURE EDUCATION, MCHALE ATHLETIC CENTER

Join WAE in the MAC for a ropes course and rock wall adventure!

WELCOME WEEKEND SCHEDULE

MUSICAL CRAFTS WITH KAPPA KAPPA PSI

Join the brothers of the Nu Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi - National Honorary Band Fraternity, for an afternoon of musical crafts! Supplies will be provided for you to make a room or dorm decoration to take home. We will also be providing light snacks and refreshments alongside an opportunity for anyone to meet and mingle with members of the Wilkes University Music Ensembles! Please see Suitable for the time and location of this event!

MORE CLUB PROGRAMMING WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA SUITABLE EVENTS. PLEASE LOG INTO SUITABLE TO CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

