

STUENS AFFAIRS

2023 - 24
THE YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS





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605

Mentees served by First-Year Experience and Family Programs

420+

Attendees at New Student Orientation in fall 2023 (145 completed online)

83

Attendees at New Student Orientation in spring 2024 (20 completed online)

68

Students in learning communities

5,684

Current users in the Webster Family Connection

49%

Open rate on emails sent to current families

87

Students in Webster101

39

Students completed WebsterLEADS program

82

Students active in WebsterLEADS

3,074

Handshake resume reviews completed by Career Planning and Development Center

3,900

Career planning appointments, 325% increase compared to prior year

291

Incident reports in Student Conduct

161

Student conduct cases

59

Student of concern cases

120

Appointments in Student Health Services

7,955

International students enrolled in health insurance plan

47

Students received emergency grants for a total of \$23,490

30

Students received

BY THE NUMBERS





VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE

Through events, housing, leadership opportunities and student organizations, we provide students with a myriad of options to connect and grow through their Webster experience.

EVENT ATTENDANCE

4052 Campus Activities

1068 MCISA

2396
Housing and Residential Life
Gorloks After Dark

489 Fall 2023 Involvement Fair 290 Spring 2024 Involvement Fair

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

CASINO NIGHT: highest-ever attended Casino Night (488), increased number of prizes and available games for students in 2023. Theme was "Starry Night."

ECLIPSE VIEWING EXCURSION: took 110 students to view the once in a lifetime total solar eclipse at the Bold Spoon Creamery (owner Rachel Burns, Webster MBA alum). Students got to enjoy the day on the farm, eat fresh ice cream and experience the total eclipse.

The **CRAFTERNOONS** monthly craft series and **FIRST FRIDAYS** monthly open mic nights gained a steady following throughout the year and will continue in 2024.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

61
Total Fall 2023

65
Total Spring 2024

16New Organizations

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR: LITERATURE CLUB

Literature Club has been an active student organization for over 20 years. A nominator stated, "The officers of this club have done a brilliant job of bringing a wide range of students with varying levels of previous experience together over a shared interest in and love of storytelling." In 2023-24, the group tripled in size and developed new programs such as Blind Date with a Book, Book Club, Literature Jeopardy and Literature Open Mic Night.

NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR: PICKLEBALL CLUB

Webster University Pickleball Club was founded in fall 2024. It has formed numerous partnerships in the community and with oncampus departments through hosting events and volunteering at others. In the 2023-24 academic year, it had a roster of 32 players and traveled to San Diego in the spring to compete at the National Collegiate Pickleball Championships.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

LEARNING HAPPENS EVERYWHERE

Cheryl Fritz Ralph Olliges Latoya Griffin Carolyn Trachtova

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Goutham Adulapuri Abby Szydlowski Katarina Ausley Amuka Shrestha Ashley Caravello Jalen Payne Onyeka Igboanuzue Sahar Abdellatif Abigail Banholzer Inma Cepeda Griffin Wiebelt-Smith Maddie Griffin Evie Weaver

STUDENT EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Cheyenne Dickens Muazaddin Mohammed Aditya Reddy Bondugua

SGA OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN

Gabrielle Lindemann

SGA OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE

Hailey Ruiz-Nuve

SGA OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Lilie Floyd

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Lasanthi Gamage (Computer Science Club)

OUTSTANDING NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Webster University Pickleball Club

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS SOCIAL LIFE

Association of African American Collegians (AAAC)

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CULTURAL AWARENESS

Sangam

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

First Fridays (Campus Activities Gentleman's Club (Gorloks Aware)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Literature Club

MARK GOVONI EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Michael Friedman

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF A STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Tylain King (Anime Club)

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SGA

Brian Rubin

"I'M THE FIRST" TED HOEF AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Naima Dawid

CAMPUS LIFE AWARD

Milan Henline

GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

Anika Wagner

JACQUELINE GRENNEN WEXLER AWARD FOR HUMANITARIANISM & SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Donna Hall

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Narisa Khan

CAPSTONE AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Khyree Plair

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER III AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Rayna Friedman Justin McCoy

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

. **GA** / **E** '**DE** : RAYNA FRIEDMAN

Rayna Friedman served as the SGA President for 2023-24. Previously she served as the vice president and a senator at large. As president, Rayna developed multiple opportunities for students to provide feedback and hear directly from administrators on topics of concern, including a campus resources panel in the fall and "Conversation with Administration" in the spring. Additionally, Rayna served as the student representative on the Chancellor search committee.

WebsterLEADS

For 20+ years, WebsterLEADS has engaged students in an on-going application of scholarship and practical leadership experiences that develops a foundation from which they will change the world.

Participating students take two courses: student leadership development and ethics in leadership, engage in two student leadership experiences and submit a leadership portfolio at the end of the four-semester program.

Portfolios can be submitted as a final paper or any other format that fits the student's strengths and majors. This past fall, a dance major submitted a video of an interpretive dance that was self-choreographed to show their leadership journey during their time in the program.





CAREER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER ALIGNED WITH IMPACT CENTER

- Revised student employee job descriptions and had two undergraduate student employees complete the Impact Center Experience.
- Students chose several competencies to focus on through their student employment positions, wrote reflections on their skill development and presented at the Research Across Disciplines Conference.
- Students earned digital badges for their chosen competencies, such as critical thinking or career and self-development.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

In fall 2023, there were six learning communities offered. The Learning Community (LC) program consists of co-enrolling students in purposefully paired courses in their first fall semester at Webster University. These courses are specifically selected for the learning community and are based on a topic of interest. Through these Learning Communities, students participate in activities inside and outside of the classroom that will enhance their learning and a greater connection to the Webster University community. The Office of First-Year Experience & Family Programs works with the Director of the GCP, the Cornerstone Director, Undergraduate Advising and many faculty to engage new freshmen.

CAREER PLANNING PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Career Planning & Development Center planned more than 50 programs and presentations this year with 1,200+ attendees. The CPDC presented to a variety of departments, including the Reeg Academic Resource Center, Academic Advising, Admissions and Walker School of Business & Technology faculty, to increase staff and faculty knowledge of CPDC services, resources and referral processes. Additional collaborations took place with IRIS, Toolkit for Success for Student Affairs student employees, Housing & Residential Life and MCISA.

Academic disciplines across campus requested career programs including art, design and art history, business and technology, communications, counseling, criminal justice, English, global citizenship program, health administration, journalism, marketing and philosophy. These collaborations provided an opportunity to connect with students across the University and educate them on a variety of career topics such as job and internship searching strategies, application material writing, networking and interviewing.

Collaborations with external partners included a workshop on disclosing disability with employers presented by Starkloff Disability Institute and two employer panels to educate students on careers in finance and careers in technology featuring representatives from Accenture Federal Services, Commerce Bank, Edward Jones, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Perficient and UNCOMN.

CAREER CHAMPIONS

The Career Planning & Development Center created the Career Champion program this year as an opportunity

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Student Affairs departments focused on providing welcoming, inclusive and respectful spaces and opportunities for students, with a focus on accommodations, programs and support.

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LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR

As we continue to assess and improve, here are some of our plans for the next academic year:

The Undergraduate Student Activity fee (WEBG) will increase to \$150