



Office of Diversity Programs

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Welcome EMSEP Scholars!



Together we can make a difference!

Welcome! We are so very happy to have you here at WPI and you should be proud of yourself and the accomplishments that you have made. We are so excited about the oppor-

tunity to work with you as you begin this new chapter in your college career. As you become acclimated to WPI please know that we are here for you and we will make ourselves available to

provide you with the assistance you may require. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and we are so very grateful that you have decided to join the WPI community.

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15—October 15, 2008)

In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month long celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of US residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central

America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries - *Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua*. In addition, *Mexico and Chile* celebrate their independence days on *Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively*.

Hispanic Heritage Month
ESSAY COMPETITION
FREE Round Trip Airline Ticket

Essay Topic:
Should Hispanic Engineers pursue careers with companies lacking strong diversity policies?

Visit:
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY PROGRAMS
BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

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Volunteer Opportunities:

Begins: Monday Oct. 6, 2008
Worcester Youth Center
Monday Afternoons
4:00—6:00

If you are interested in volunteering to mentor, or tutor local students in the community please feel free to contact the Office of Diversity Programs at 508.831.5796

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Difference!

Visit our office on the web at:
www.wpi.edu/Admin/Diversity/

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

9/18/08:
Women of Color Lunch
Chair's Room
12—1

9/23/08:
Hispanic Heritage
Month Reception
OASIS House
7—9 pm

9/24/08:
EMSEP Meeting
4-6 pm
Gompeii's Gutters
(Behind Alumni Gym)
Meeting, Food, and
Entertainment

9/24/08:
WIN Dinner
5-8 pm
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Must have RSVP'd to
attend.

Office of Diversity—Mission Statement

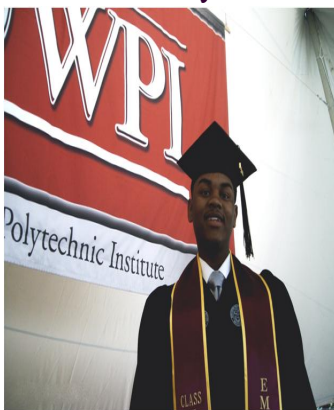
Mission Statement

The Office of Diversity Programs was established in 1993 to assist in the recruitment and retention of African American, Latino, and American Indian students. Because these populations have been traditionally underrepresented in the fields of engineering, science and technology and at WPI, the university has made a commitment to providing educational and career opportunities for these students. The [*Excellence in Mathematics, Science and Engineering Program*](#) (EMSEP) was also established in 1993 as a retention program for students of color. The Office maintains partnerships with a number of offices on campus to support students of color during their enrollment, including Financial Aid, Academic Advising, Student Life, Residential Services, the Student Development and Counseling Center, the Academic Resources Center, and the Career Development Center.

The Office of Diversity Programs works with campus organizations and offices to provide cultural programs for the community. Such programs include Latino Awareness Week, Black History Month, and Native American Awareness Month. We also serves as a resource to the campus community for issues regarding diversity and inclusion of people of color.

We are committed to assisting high school students of color learn about opportunities in the fields of engineering, science and technology. We also encourages student groups to visit campus and learn about educational opportunities and programs at WPI. In addition, we coordinate community service programs with the Kids 2 College Program and Friendly House.

Where R They Now?



Kevin Wayns
Philadelphia, PA

What did you enjoy most about your WPI experience?

In my WPI experience I enjoyed most the relationships I established with WPI students faculty and professors. I feel that a balance of these interactions helped me to learn more about myself and established lasting friendships.

Congratulations on your graduation! What are you doing now?

I am currently a teaching assistant for the WPI management department. Instruction OIE3400 Production system design undergraduate course. I am also attending graduate school at WPI as a full time student.

What advice would you give to a new freshman at WPI?

My advice to freshman is to build a support structure of other students and staff to help you throughout this experiences and to develop a vision for your college experience. I find that having a sound motivation and outlook has helped me get through my college experience and will continue to guide me throughout my career.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In five years I will either be teaching Operations Management at an institution of higher learning such as WPI or working as an operations project manager in a fortune 500 company.