Welcome from WPI Student Government Association
President Alex Hyman

Every summer I look forward to starting another year at WPI. There is always a consistent air of excitement around the WPI campus during A-Term after everyone returns to begin a new academic year. Now, already a few weeks into my senior year, I am still amazed by how quickly and smoothly everyone is able to integrate back into the community and adjust back to their routine of classes and extracurriculars. This year is no exception, and with the newest addition of the Class of 2018, the campus is ready for another exciting year!

With only seven weeks per term, things move at a fast pace on the WPI campus. While first year students navigate their first college courses, many juniors are preparing to travel the world in anticipation of their global studies experience, and seniors are beginning their Major Qualifying Projects. The library is back to its normal level of capacity as students work hard studying for midterms and various exams. The Campus Center is full of excited students spending time together in between classes or holding meetings and events for their clubs and organizations.

Academic Schedule

10/6-10: The Registrar’s Office will email all Seniors asking them to file for February and May 2015 graduations

10/16: Last day of classes, A-Term

10/17-27: Fall recess

10/28: First day of classes, B-Term (follow a Friday schedule)

Events Calendar

10/10-11: Homecoming weekend

10/26: Organ Rededication at Mechanics Hall, with guest instrumentalists WPI Brass Ensemble

11/1: Pops Concert, WPI Concert Band & WPI Stage Band, Alden Hall, 3:00 p.m.

11/20-22: Masque presents An Enemy of the People

12/13: Alpha Psi Omega’s 12th Annual Show in 24 Hours

Women’s Networking
The campus has come alive again and there is plenty of fun to be had too!

The Student Government Association is thrilled to start another academic year at WPI! With the start of A-Term, we see the implementation of the Tobacco-Free Policy take effect on campus, a long-term project supported by SGA and students. With many more projects in progress, we are excited to continue working with all members of campus to bring positive improvements to the WPI community. We are also proud to bring the popular SuperFan t-shirts to students once again. If you haven’t gotten one yet, keep your eyes on different events on campus and show off your school spirit! We’ll also have a big presence during this year’s Homecoming. SGA will have a Town Hall Meeting and will also host the traditional Pep Rally!

I hope everyone continues to have a fun and successful A-Term. I am looking forward to another exciting year at WPI!

News from Residential Services

For the 2014-15 academic year, Residential Services has launched #hypetheswipe, a new program that offers opportunities for all students to learn, meet new people, and have fun.

The program includes nine events developed and hosted by resident advisor teams. Please encourage your student to attend to learn about issues such as developing study skills, locating academic resources, transitioning to residential living, and making responsible decisions. Upcoming events are posted on our Facebook page.

As always, Residential Services will also be putting on our annual “Fall Fest” event, taking place on the Quad on November 5, during business hours. Here your student can meet folks from Residential Services, ask about housing for next year, learn about the Resident Advisor hiring process, get some fun give-a-ways, and more.

Updates from the CDC

September was a busy month at the WPI Career Development Center (CDC). Over 190 companies participated in our largest career fair ever on September 17, where nearly 2,000 students spoke with companies including AIG, an international insurance organization; retail branding leader Avery Dennison; aerospace and defense firm BAE Systems;...
computer hardware company EMC; food industry’s Frito Lay; consumer company iRobot; and software giant Microsoft Corp, as well as many small and mid-sized companies.

We also finished our career outcomes report for the class of 2013, and results are terrific. Overall, the class boasts a 92% success rate. For more information view our report (pdf) and see detailed results, major by major, on our website.

**Walk-In Hours Make Career Sense**

When students need quick advice on career related questions, Walk-In Hours at the CDC make sense. Students can also schedule advising appointments in advance using CDC’s on-line JobFinder system.

**Off-Campus Opportunities with the Global Perspective Program**

The application process for off-campus programs in the 2015-201 academic year is underway! We began the term with our Global Fair, where students spoke with project center directors and previous student participants from our 40+ project centers around the world.

Students can visit our website to further explore the centers, start their application, and find a list of deadlines and requirements. The application process is competitive, and meeting deadlines, completing application components, and attending info sessions and interviews all contribute to a successful application. The deadline for application to an off-campus IQP is October 6th. If your student has questions, they can contact IGSD at global@wpi.edu.

**Goat Bucks**

Make sure your student is covered with WPI Goat Bucks. As the official campus currency, Goat Bucks offer an easy, secure, and convenient way to buy food, books, and services on campus and food from select off-campus locations.

Students can also save 10% when using Goat Bucks at many WPI dining locations.

**Financial Aid Reminders**

At this time we are still completing the verification process for those who were selected when completing the FAFSA or that were selected by our office. Notifications have been sent to students with outstanding materials. If your student still has any outstanding requirements please encourage them to submit those to our office as soon as possible.

Our Financial Literacy program is well under way for the year as well. We just held a session on credit cards and we will have our next session, “Investing – Planning now for future success,” on November 12.

**First Year Students**

A day of information and activity, specifically to help First Year students prepare for the rest of the academic year with more academic advising and support.