

The Office of Academic Advising  
**sophoMORE Success Program**



**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

## sophoMORE Success Program (SSP)

The mission of this program is to connect students with each other and with faculty, staff, alumni, and resources on campus. The four major categories—academic, career, personal development, and social—will help you define your sophomore year, and set yourself on a successful path as an upperclassman at WPI.

Weekly Office Hours will be held by program mentors, addressing such topics as Work/Life Balance, How to Create a Support Network, Major Exploration, IQP Application Help, and Career Fair Prep. These are opportunities to ask questions, hang out with friends, or enjoy a quiet space to do homework.



**Connect  
with Alumni**



**Meet  
Peers**



**Major  
Exploration**



**IQP Application  
Help**



**Career  
Fair Prep**



## What others have said about the program ...

“ The sophoMORE Success Program provided me with opportunities to connect with and learn from mentors I would never have had the chance to normally. Not only did it prepare me for my academics, but it gave me tools to improve myself socially and professionally. ”

—Tanner Gauthier '20

“ The program gave me the opportunity to take a step back and define what I wanted the rest of my college career to look like. I was able to learn, from sessions and my peers, new strategies for academic success and self-care that have positively impacted my time at WPI. ”

—Maggie Kuck '19

## How it works

The sophoMORE Success Program provides students with the resources to thrive through their sophomore year. On the following pages are four categories of events. **Those with \* are put on by SSP;** others listed are sponsored by our campus partners. We encourage you to participate.

As you attend SSP programs, you will receive a stamp on the corresponding page of the event. The more events you attend, the better. Those who attend four or more events will receive a pin to wear at Commencement ceremonies. Those who attend eight or more programs will receive the pin and their names will be entered in a raffle to win WPI swag.

Though not counted as events, office hours attendance is strongly encouraged.

## Career Events

### RESUMAZING (RESUME WORKSHOP)

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September 17, 2019  
4–7pm  
Career Development Center

### FALL CAREER FAIR

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September 19, 2019  
12–4pm  
Sports and Recreation Center

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IN MY SOPHOMORE YEAR? \*

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October 30, 2019  
4–5pm  
Higgins House

### CO-OP NETWORKING NIGHT

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January 20, 2020  
6:30–8pm  
Odeum

### RESUMAZING (RESUME WORKSHOP)

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February 25, 2020  
4–7pm  
Career Development Center

### SPRING CAREER FAIR

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February 27, 2020  
12–4pm  
Sports and Recreation Center



## Personal Development Events

### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNSELING CENTER (SDCC)

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16 Einhorn Road

One-on-one counseling, programs, trainings, and therapeutic groups are offered all year long. (contact information found under important resources in this booklet)

### BANKING BASICS

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September 17, 2019  
4–5pm  
Bartlett Center

### BUDGETING

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October 1, 2019  
4–5pm  
Bartlett Center

### WHAT COMES NEXT? OPERATION UPPERCLASSMEN \*

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March 26, 2020  
5–6pm  
Odeum A and B



## Academic Events

### IGSD GLOBAL FAIR

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September 11, 2019  
2–5pm  
Sports and Recreation Center

### DESTINATION APPLICATION: IQP APPLICATION FAQ \*

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September 16, 2019  
5–6pm  
Fuller Lower

### DESTINATION APPLICATION: IQP SOCIAL \*

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October 1, 2019  
4–5pm  
Odeum A and B

### ACADEMIC PLANNING (ADVISING DAY PREP) \*

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February 19, 2020  
4–5pm  
Location TBD

### ACADEMIC ADVISING DAY

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February 27, 2020  
All day (no classes)  
Location TBD

### BS/MS INFORMATION SESSIONS

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September 18, 2019  
November 6, 2019  
January 22, 2020  
March 25, 2020  
Chairman's Room



## Social Events

### SOPHOMORE SUCCESS PROGRAM KICKOFF \*

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August 29, 2019  
4–6pm  
Odeum

### WPI ALUMNI SOCIAL \*

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November 20, 2019  
5–6pm  
Odeum A and B

### FACULTY AND FRIES SOCIAL \*

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January 23, 2020  
5–6pm  
Odeum

### SSP ALUMNI SOCIAL/REUNION \*

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April 29, 2020  
5–6pm  
Riley Commons



## Some sophoMORE Suggestions

- Create your four-year plan
- Figure out your plan for IQP
- Take a selfie with Gompei
- Meet with your Faculty Advisor
- Get your resume reviewed at the Career Development Center
- Join a new club or organization—or start one with some friends
- Try a club sport
- Reconnect with an advisor/professor from your first year
- Use your Outlook Calendar to keep organized and connected with friends and classmates



- Learn more about the value of doing a co-op
- Attend SpringFest (formerly known as QuadFest)
- Meet with a professor from a class you enjoyed
- Create a study group or find a study buddy to keep you accountable in your classes
- Update your LinkedIn/ Handshake Profile
- Research Internship Opportunities
- Find the best coffee shop in Worcester



## Important Resources on-campus

### OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

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Daniels Hall

✉ [academic-advising@wpi.edu](mailto:academic-advising@wpi.edu)

Make an appointment with  
a professional academic  
advisor at [tutortrac.wpi.edu](http://tutortrac.wpi.edu).

### ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER (ARC)

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Daniels Hall

✉ [arc@wpi.edu](mailto:arc@wpi.edu)

Make an appointment  
with a tutor at  
[tutortrac.wpi.edu](http://tutortrac.wpi.edu).

### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & COUNSELING CENTER (SDCC)

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16 Einhorn Road

✉ [sdcc@wpi.edu](mailto:sdcc@wpi.edu)

Make an appointment by  
calling 508-831-5540  
or visiting the office.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

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Project Center, 1st floor

✉ [cdc@wpi.edu](mailto:cdc@wpi.edu)

Make an  
appointment at  
[wpi.joinhandshake.com/login](http://wpi.joinhandshake.com/login).

### INTERDISCIPLINARY & GLOBAL STUDIES DIVISION (IGSD)

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Project Center, 2nd floor

✉ [global@wpi.edu](mailto:global@wpi.edu)

Check out this  
helpful resource at  
[eprojects.wpi.edu](http://eprojects.wpi.edu).

### OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES (ODS)

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Daniels Hall

✉ [disabilityservices@wpi.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@wpi.edu)

To make an  
appointment, email  
or stop in the office.

## Meet the Team



### **Angela Romano – Assistant Director of Academic Advising**

Hello, there! I have my BA in Psychology from Quinnipiac University and my M.Ed in Higher Education from Merrimack College. Originally, from Cheshire, CT, I relocated to Massachusetts back in 2015 and have loved it here ever since! Within the Office of Academic Advising, I serve as Academic Advisor and Academic Coach to students who are having academic struggles; I manage our social media, facilitate professional development, and run the sophoMORE Success Program. This is my fourth year overseeing the sophoMORE Success Program, and I love it more every year. Outside of WPI, you can find me trying new recipes, hanging out with friends, or searching for the best pizza in Massachusetts. My favorite part of the sophoMORE Success Program, is watching students form new bonds across campus and make lasting connections!



### **Laynie Rosati – sophoMORE Success Program Mentor**

Hi, everyone! I'm from Merrimack, NH. I'm currently a junior here at WPI, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Business. In the future, I am planning to use my major to do work with renewable energy—hydropower in particular! Off campus, I enjoy hiking, traveling, dancing, and going to the beach with friends. On campus I'm involved in several clubs: PAWS, SWE, Dance Crimson—I am currently the co-captain of the Rockets Dance Team. I went through the sophoMORE Success Program myself and decided I wanted to help make an impact on this year's sophomore class like my mentors made on me. My favorite topics throughout the program were the ones in which we talked about IQP (I'm going to Hilo, Hawaii, in C-Term).



### **Matt Kirejczyk – sophoMORE Success Program Mentor**

Hello! I am a junior studying Aerospace Engineering. I am very excited to be a mentor for the sophoMORE Success Program this year! I am on the Executive Board for the Student Alumni Society and I'm a University Advancement Student Ambassador. My favorite hobby is playing music so you might see me perform with the WPI Marching and Pep Band or one of WPI's many instrumental ensembles. Outside of school I love to explore cities, hike/bike, and have fun at my internships during the summer. The sophoMORE Success Program is so much fun, and I absolutely recommend that you take part in it. Plus, you receive a cool pin you can wear at graduation!



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