

# Center for Women & Gender Equity

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## Our Mission

The Center for Women & Gender Equity (CWGE) promotes a campus culture and climate that supports principles of social justice, equity, inclusion, and community. We advocate for a campus community that values the safety, equality, and intellectual advancement of women and historically marginalized groups at West Chester University.

The CWGE provides education, resources, and advocacy primarily on gender-related issues. We facilitate, sustain, and advance dialogue about how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, sexual identity, ability, age, and nationality.

The CWGE is a confidential resource where you can report incidents of sexual misconduct (dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment). We will provide you the support and resources you need to take your next steps.

## FEBRUARY

### The Period Project

*February 1-28, 2018*

Imagine this: You are going about your day and your period comes unexpectedly. You can go home, shower, and get the supplies you need. Now imagine getting your period while homeless. You may not be able to do laundry or shower consistently, let alone afford a box of tampons or pads. Join the Center for Women and Gender Equity and Wellness Promotion as we collect unopened tampons and pads for women and menstruating people in our community. Drop off available in Student Health Services and Center for Women and Gender Equity.

### Diversity Networking Breakfast

*Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 9:00am-10:30am, Sykes Student Union*

Enjoy breakfast with employers while you learn about their diversity initiatives and experiences on their career paths. Pre-registration and business casual dress required. Registration on OrgSync. (Snow date: Wednesday, February 28) Co-sponsored by the Twardowski Career Development Center and Center for Women and Gender Equity.

### Cultivating Change: Activism and Self-Care Conference

*Sunday, February 25, 2018, 10:00am-4:00pm, Sykes Student Union*

Social change doesn't happen alone or overnight. This conference provides the tools, action steps, and community to empower you to cultivate change on campus and beyond. Pre-registration is required and available on OrgSync. Co-sponsored by Center for Women & Gender Equity, Office of Wellness Promotion, Student Leadership and Involvement, Social Equity, Peace and Conflict Studies, Philosophy Department, and Women's and Gender Studies Department.

# MARCH

## **UnfiniSHed: Women's Empowerment Month**

*March 1-31, 2018*

Women's history has come a long way, but the story isn't finished. Join our campus wide celebration of history and the work that lies ahead. Planning an event? Contact [womenscenter@wcupa.edu](mailto:womenscenter@wcupa.edu) to join our effort to empower WCU women.

### **Smash The Patriarch-TEA**

*Thursday, March 1, 2018, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Sykes Ballroom C*

Let's tackle our unfiniSHed history over tea! Create connections with campus women to work together to elevate women's voices, ideas, and strengths. Together, we can smash the patriarchy! Pre-registration required. E-mail [womenscenter@wcupa.edu](mailto:womenscenter@wcupa.edu).

### **Women of Color Day Celebration**

*Thursday, March 1, 2018, 11:00am-1:15pm*

Build community and celebrate WCU women of color at our third annual celebration. Pre-registration required. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/KJZec8sHxX5YUoH72>. Co-sponsored by the Larry Dowdy Multicultural Center, Center for Women and Gender Equity, and Commission on the Status of Women.

### **It's On Us Art Gala**

*Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 11:00am-1:00pm, Phillips Autograph Library*

It's On Us to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported. Kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month exploring students experiences and starting a dialogue about rape culture in our community. Interested in submitting a creative piece? Register here <https://goo.gl/forms/9iK2uTUyCxGyTPYu1>.

# APRIL

### **Get Yourself Tested Day (GYT)-Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Testing Day**

*Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 10:00am-2:00pm, Sykes Ballrooms*

Know your status before you get lucky! Stop by, pee in a cup, and get a free t-shirt. Results are confidential and discrete. Co-Sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and Center for Women and Gender Equity.

### **Free CeCe Screening**

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 4:30pm-7:30pm, Sykes Theater*

Join us for a screening of the documentary, Free Cece, and a conversation with the filmmaker. Free Cece tells the story of CeCe McDonald, a trans woman of color who was convicted of second-degree manslaughter after defending herself from a harasser. Co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies Department, Center for Women and Gender Equity, Office of Wellness Promotion, and LGBTQA Services.

### **It's On Us Open Exhibit**

*Thursday, April 19, 2018, 3:00pm-6:00pm, Sykes Ballrooms*

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