

The WCU Celebrates Diversity for All calendar of events is a compilation of diversity-related programs and events sponsored and coordinated by a diverse cross section of WCU faculty, staff, and University departments. The Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion cordially invites you to engage and join us as we continue to build upon our inclusive campus community. The myriad of educational opportunities are intended to enlighten and empower us as a community.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request by calling the ADA Coordinator at 610-436-2433. Please make your needs known as soon as possible, but no less than one week in advance of the event, to allow time to make the necessary arrangements.

Visit the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion website for more program information and new updates added each week!

### Annual Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center Carnival August 29 – 5pm - 8pm

Rams Park (Next to Sykes Student Union)

The LDMC invites you to our Annual LDMC Carnival! You'll have the opportunity to meet our new Peer Mentors and check out our 34 amazing Multicultural Organizations on campus! This a **FREE** event with food, drinks, carnival games, and prizes! Rain location will be Sykes Ballrooms B & C. Sponsored by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center.

### LGBTQA Services Open House August 30 – 3pm - 5pm Sykes, Room 250

Join the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Asexual (LGBTQA) Services staff for the official opening of our new space. Please come check out the new space, enjoy some light refreshments and meet other WCU students, staff and faculty. For more info, please contact **Igbtqa@wcupa.edu** or 610-436-3147.

### **Condom Bingo**

September 4 — 7pm – 8pm Sykes Ballrooms October 16 — 7pm – 8pm Sykes Ballrooms

This is not your Grandparents' Bingo! Join us for a night of fun as we play bingo, learn some sexual health info,

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and win some great prizes. Don't play yourself; you don't want to miss this. Co-sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity and the Office of Wellness Promotion.

#### **Student Organization Involvement Fair** September 5 – 11am – 3pm Academic Ouad

Want to learn about and meet with a variety of student organizations? The Student Organization Involvement Fair is coordinated by the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement to help student organizations advertise and recruit members for their rosters. The fair includes fraternities, sororities and all multicultural student organizations. Rain date is scheduled for Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please contact Charlie Warner at *CWarner@ wcupa.edu* or 610-436-2117.

### **LGBTQA+ Grad Student Social** September 5 – 6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### Sykes, Room 250

Come meet and hang out with other queer and trans graduate students. This is a great way to kick-off the start of the Fall semester, meet the LGBTQA Services staff and find community. Light refreshments will be provided! For more info, please contact **labtga@wcupa.edu** or 610-436-3147.

### Women on Wednesdays: Get Out and Vote! September 12 – 12pm - 1pm Sykes, Room 10A

Join community organizer, Melissa Robbins, to discuss how and why it is important to get engaged in order to reflect our communities on the municipal, state and federal levels of government. You will leave encouraged and challenged to get involved and explore opportunities that promote equal representation. Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert! For more info, e-mail *womenscenter@ wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

#### Ram I Am: Queer @ WCU September 12 – 5pm - 7pm Sykes, Room 250

Join us for a discussion on what it means to identify as trans and queer at WCU. Come build community, share stories, trade tips, and discuss how to navigate WCU and the greater community. Light refreshments will be provided! For more info, please contact *Igbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

September 15th through October 15th is celebrated as **Hispanic Heritage Month**.

### Women on the Rise: 2018 Women's Leadership Conference

September 15 – 11am - 4:00pm Sykes Student Union

Build skills in wage negotiation, inclusive leadership, self-care, and mentorship. New for this year: Women of Color Track. Pre-registration is required by September 12 at *https://tinyurl.com/ wcupawlc18*. For more info, e-mail *womenscenter@wcupa.edu*. Co-sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity, the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement, and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology.

### **BiVisability and Awareness Week** September 17-21

Join LGBTQA Services as we celebrate the spectrum of bisexual identities, communities and experiences throughout the week. For more info, please contact *Igbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

## Teaching Adult Learners: An Introductory Discussion

#### September 17 – 3:15pm – 4:30pm WCU Philadelphia Campus, 8th & Market Streets

### 8th & Market Streets

WCU Philadelphia Campus will launch a yearlong faculty and staff development series on teaching adult learners with an introductory discussion facilitated by Jared Brown from the Office of New Student Programs and Kenneth Jones from the Office of Admissions. Full- and part-time faculty teaching on all WCU campuses and WCU staff are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Departments of Graduate Social Work, Undergraduate Social Work and Management with a University Forum Grant.

### **Queer Media from the Margins**

September 18 — 11am – 12pm Sykes, Room 255

October 30 – 3:30pm - 4:30pm Sykes, Room 252A

This one-hour training will provide participants with an opportunity to explore the lack of trans and queer representation within mainstream media. Facilitators will highlight positive LGBTQA+ representation in independent media such as movies, television, comics, video games, cosplay as well as social media. Sponsored by LGBTQA Services. To register or for more info, please contact *Igbtqa*@ *wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### **Empowering Our Communities** September 18 at 7pm Sykes Ballrooms

Join us as we welcome and hear from Ms. Luz Colon, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. Sponsored by the Black and Latino Greek Council.

### Fall 2018 Study Abroad Fair

#### September 19 – 11am – 2pm Sykes Ballrooms

Learn about opportunities available to WCU students to study, volunteer, intern, and student teach abroad by attending the Fall 2018 Study Abroad Fair! Stop by any time between 11am-2pm and pick up info about upcoming international programs and speak with representatives and past study abroad participants while you are there! For more info, email *studyabroad@wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Center for International Programs.

### Ethnic Studies Health Seminar Series: Health Care Disparities among Minority Groups in Chester County September 20 – 4:30pm - 5:30pm

### Sykes, Room 255

Milena Oberti-Lanz, Executive Director, Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County, will discuss the mission of MCHC to empower families to build a healthier future for their children by overcoming the social and environmental barriers resulting from the rising poverty in Chester County that leaves Latino and African American communities without access to basic resources such as health insurance, medical care, and health education due to language and cultural barriers, lack of transportation, and financial roadblocks. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.

### Culturally (q)ueer: Race, Gender and Sexuality

September 26 – 12pm - 1:30pm Sykes, Room 255 November 6 – 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Sykes, Room 252

This 90-minute training will center and celebrate trans and queer people of color identities and experiences. Participants will be challenged to engage in dialogue about the intersections of race, gender & sexuality. Facilitators will highlight the ways in which systemic oppression impacts QTPOC communities and discuss different strategies for advocacy. Sponsored by LGBTQA Services. To register or for more info, please contact **Igbtqa@wcupa.edu** or 610-436-3147.

### Latina/o Communities Conference at WCU

September 27 — 8am – 7pm Sykes Student Union September 28 — 9am – 2pm Sykes Student Union

The Latina/o Communities Conference provides a creative space to engage in discussions and to enrich understanding about the issues and contributions of the Latino community. This year's conference aims to critically address the issue of immigration and the importance of supporting and strengthening our Latino community in the current environment. This year's keynote speaker is Philadelphia Councilwoman María Quiñones-Sánchez. WCU students, staff, and faculty are free. For more info and registration visit: *http:// www.wcupa.edu/LatinoConference/*. For more info contact: Dr. Miguel Ceballos, *mceballos@wcupa.edu*, Dr. Daniela Johannes **djohannes@wcupa.edu**.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In 1988, the United States Congress for declared October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities.

### **Fireside Chat with President Chris Fiorentino and Dr. Sue Fiorentino** October 1 – 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Tanglewood

**RESERVATION ONLY; SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED.** Join us for conversation and marshmallow roasting in the backyard at Tanglewood, the presidential residence. The topic of conversation will be diversity and inclusion. To request an invitation, email *president@wcupa.edu*. You will receive a response letting you know if space is still available.

### Wheel Chair Relays

October 1 – 6pm – 11pm MAC Court, Student Recreation Center Duration of the event will depend on the number of teams registered. Registration opens on September 17 @ 8am and runs through October 1 @ 5pm. All registrations must be completed at *www.imleagues.com/wcupa*. This event is FREE and open to all students. For more information, contact Dan Comas at *dcomas@wcupa.edu*.

### **Global Hispanic Film Festival 2018**

All Mondays in October @ 7:20 pm Mitchell Hall 102

October 1, On The Roof (Dir. Patricia Ramos, Cuba-Nicaragua, 2017) October 8, Bajarí: Gypsy Barcelona (Dir. Eva Vila, Spain, 2013)

October 15, The Queen of Spain (Dir. Fernando Trueba, Spain, 2017)

October 22, Delicate Balance

(Dir. Guillermo García, Uruguay-Chile-Mexico-Spain-Morocco-Japan, 2016)

October 29, *Birdboy: The Forgotten Children* (Dir. Alberto Vázquez & Pedro Rivero, Spain-Japan, 2016)

The Global Hispanic Film Festival at WCU ex- poses students to a wide range of unfamiliar realities concerning Latin America, Spain, North Africa, and Latinos/as in the United States. Five films address globalization; post- colonialism; social inequality; migration; indigenous cultures; racism; sexism; sexual diversity; and family relations. These diverse themes will be discussed before and after film viewings to draw critical connections to our lives in Pennsylvania. Free and open to the public. All films are subtitled in English. For more info contact the organizers Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum *ipagan@wcupa.edu* and Dr. Megan Saltzman *msaltzman@wcupa.edu* or visit https://www.facebook.com/cinewcu or https://festivalcinewcu2018.tumblr.com. Sponsored by University Forum, the Department of Languages and Culture, the Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program, Pragda, The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, and SPAIN arts & culture. #CineWCU

### **Queer Pride Day** @ **WCU** October 4 - Gather at 11:30 am; Picture Taken at 12pm

Join the LGBTQA Services staff on the Academic Quad as we prepare to kickoff Coming Out Week. Wear any color of the rainbow for a giant WCU photo! Help us make this a campus tradition! \*Rainbow Colors: Black, Brown, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple\* Sponsored by LGBTQA Services. For more info, please contact *Igbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### Ethnic Studies Health Seminar Series: Multi-Level Systemic Factors Driving Health Disparities in Indian Country October 4 – 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Sykes, Room 255

This presentation will feature Asa Revels, Doctoral Candidate in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior at the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.

### Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

### October 6 — 10am — 3pm Sykes Student Union

Join us for a student leadership development experience for students living in a multicultural world. To register or for more info, please contact Mr. Charles Warner at *CWarner@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-2117 or Mr. Bryan Pointer at *BPointer@ wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement and the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

### **Coming Out Week Celebration** October 8-12

October 11 is National Coming Out Day! Join LGBTQA Services as we celebrate Coming Out Week. Check out our website for upcoming and specific events! Sponsored by LGBTQA Services. For more info, please contact *Igbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### RAMping It Up: Trans & Queer Advocacy Training

October 9 — 1pm - 4pm Sykes, Room 252

#### November 9 from 9am - 12pm Sykes, Room 115

This 3-hour training will provide participants with the tools to navigate what it means to be an advocate for trans and queer communities. Participants will have the opportunity to examine individual and institutional privilege, explore the complexity of language, and discuss strategies for improving campus climate. This training will deepen your awareness, understanding and knowledge as it relates to being in solidarity with trans and queer communities. To register or for more info, please contact lgbtqa@wcupa. edu or 610-436-3147.

### Take a Mental Health Day

October 10 – 12:30pm – 4pm Sykes Student Union

6:00 pm film screening of *Suicide: The Ripple Effect* in Sykes Theatre

Join the conversation! This afternoon of activities includes a short film, "College Students and Mental Health," and an opportunity to talk about coping skills with Minding Your Mind, guests, and a WCU alum. Enjoy snacks, resource tables, and a positive, interactive opportunity for learning and talking about mental health. The evening portion of the program will feature the Kevin Hines film, "Suicide: The Ripple Effect." For all event details, visit *www. wcupa.edu/mentalhealthday*.

### Women on Wednesdays: Self-Care for Women of Color October 10 – 12 pm - 1pm

### Sykes, Room 10A

High-functioning fatigue. Pride in overworking and extending yourself. Getting the job done at all costs. It's the "exhaustion complex" in full force. Join artist and educator LaTreice Branson in a vivacious and interactive personal exploration of the challenges of being an exhausted woman, as she shares self-care strategies that will lead us into self-love, wellness and joy. Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert! For more info, e-mail *womenscenter@wcupa. edu.* Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

### Lunch (En)Counters: Bayard Rustin's Life and Legacy

October 10 — 1pm – 2pm Sykes Theater

Born in West Chester, Bayard Rustin remains an important yet under-appreciated ancestor for anyone working to achieve intersectional racial, economic, and LGBTQA justice. Join us as students from Dr. Tim Dougherty's ENG 400 seminar on Rustin's social movement rhetoric share their research on Rustin's life and legacy here in West Chester and beyond. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. For more info, please contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin (*eshevlin@ wcupa.edu*) or Dr. Anita Foeman (*afoeman@ wcupa.edu*).

### **"Looking Up" Planetarium event** October 10 — 3:30pm - 4:30pm Planetarium at WCU

Mindfulness practice will begin our journey to the galaxy. Participants will mindfully explore the space within yourself and the sky above during planetarium event. Learn about the celestial events in the fall sky and bring awareness of the beauty your life by just looking up. To register, please visit www.wcupa.edu\CS. Sponsored by the Center for Contemplative Studies with Christine Moriconi, Psy.D., PMHNP and Astronomy Department with Karen Swartz Ph.D. Free event.

### **Interviewing and Resumes: U.S. Style** October 11 – 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Mitchell Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room

International students: Join the Center for International Programs and Career Development Center in this workshop to learn and practice interviewing skills and to receive guidance on how to perfect your resume and cover letters for positions in the USA. To register, please contact Charity Alinda at *calinda@ wcupa.edu* or Amanda Machonis at *amachonis@wcupa.edu*.

### Second Saturdays -Investigating subtle energy

Peggy Fuchs, Ph.D., CNS, CRNP & Don McCown, Ph.D., LSW, Co-director of the

### Center for Contemplative Studies.

October 13 (tentative) – 10am – 12pm Center for Contemplative Studies, 700 S. Church St.,

### Annex next to Ehinger Gym.

Join us for an introductory presentation about subtle energy; an experiential and ethno-medicine perspective to enhance holistic wellness. Sponsored by the Center for Contemplative Studies. Registration fee is \$20 at *www.wcupa. edu\CS.* 

### Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste Frederick Douglass Lecture

October 13 — 2pm – 4pm Academic Quad

The Frederick Douglass Institute names Dr. James Trotman, Professor Emeritus in the Department of English, WCU, as the inaugural speaker for this newly endowed lecture. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute

### Trans Advocacy

October 18 — 2pm - 3pm Sykes, Room 255 November 14 — 11am - 12pm Sykes, Room 252

This one-hour training will review terminology, problematic language, WCU policies, and qualities of an advocate as it relates to the transgender community and experiences. We will also discuss how society interacts with trans folks and what you can do to strengthen your advocacy on campus and within your communities. Sponsored by LGBTQA Services. To register or for more info, please contact **Igbtqa@wcupa**. **edu** or 610-436-3147.

### Asexuality Awareness Week October 22-26

Join LGBTQA Services as we celebrate the spectrum of asexual identities, communities and experiences throughout the week. For more info, please contact *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### On the Rise: Empowering New Leaders

Group 1: Mondays, October 22 and 29, November 5 and 12 — Noon – 1 pm Group 2: Tuesdays, October 23 and 30, November 6 and 13 from 3 pm – 4 pm Sykes Student Union

Start your leadership journey with the Center for Women & Gender Equity. This four session program will help you embrace challenges, build community, and define your leadership purpose. Pre-registration for this series is required. E-mail *womenscenter@wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

### Writing and Academic Success for the Adult Urban Learner October 22 at 3:15pm Philadelphia Campus

This faculty development workshop will be led by Dr. Michael Burns, faculty in the English Department who specializes in African American Rhetoric and Ben Morgan from the Student Success Center on the Philadelphia Campus. It will focus on assignment creation, grading strategies and giving helpful feedback to adult urban learners. For more information contact Casey Bohrman *cbohrman@wcupa. edu.* Sponsored by the University Forum.

### It's On Us Kick-Off

#### October 24 — 11am - 2pm Sykes Ballrooms B&C

Take the pledge and commit yourself to a campus where sexual assault is not tolerated. Join us for the formal kick-off of WCU's *It's On Us* initiative! Take the pledge, pick up some swag, and connect with resources throughout the community! Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

### **Rocky Horror**

October 26 — 8pm – 12pm Sykes

Sponsored by Rams After Hours and SAGA. For more info, please contact Sarah L McGuckin at 610-738-0190.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

November is National American Indian Heritage

Month. On August 3, 1990 President George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

## Antigone in Ferguson: Open forum on Race and Social Justice

November 1 — 11am - 11:50am Swope Music Building and Performing Arts Center, Studio

Join St. Louis native, Phil Woodmore, in a community conversation about how we move forward as a society amidst all of the issues present in 2018. Phil Woodmore has been the proud director of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Choir for the past seven years and was honored to compose an original score for Antigone in Ferguson which was brought by Theater of War to St. Louis to begin this conversation. After experiencing Antigone in Ferguson in St. Louis, Woodmore's opinion on the police and race relations has been informed and will share with us. For further information about Mr. Woodmore's visit to campus, contact Dr. Marci Major at 610-436-3030. Sponsored by the Music Department For more on Phil Woodmore visit his website www.philipawoodmore.com.

### "Spirituality and Mental Health: How Crazy is Crazy?" with Dr. Andrew Newberg, MD. November 1 – 6pm - 8:00pm

Brandywine Hall, Room 033 Join the Center for Contemplative Studies

Speaker Series to discuss how brain function is associated with various mental states which are associated with religious and mystical experiences. Sponsored by the Center for Contemplative Studies. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa.edu\CS*. Free event.

### Unmasking the Model Minority Myth: Asian Americans and Barriers to Help Seeking

November 8 – 4:30pm - 5:30pm Sykes, Room 255

Join us for a presentation by Janet Chang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology at WCU. For more info, please contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos, *mceballos@wcupa.edu*, or Dr. Chiwoneso B. Tinago, *ctinago@wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.

### Nazu West African Dance and Drum Company - International Week kick-off

#### November 9 — 8pm – 12pm Sykes Ballrooms

WCU student performances begin at 8pm with the headliner performance at 9:30pm. Sponsored by Rams After Hours and Center for International Programs. For more info, please contact Sarah L McGuckin at 610-738-0190.

### Second Saturdays -Mindfulness and Disability

November 10 – 10am – 3pm Center for Contemplative Studies 700 S. Church St, Annex (next to the Ehinger Gym.) Join us for a panel discussion, presentation, and dialogue about mindfulness and disability across the lifespan. Dialogue will include application of mindfulness as it relates to education, vocation, and community life for persons with disabilities and their caregivers. Sponsored by the Center for Contemplative Studies. Cost \$20. For registration, please visit www.wcupa.edu\CS.

### International Education Week 2018 November 12-16

Celebrate the value of international education by attending events featured throughout the week. Events will include info sessions, round table discussions, displays, etc. Sponsored by the Center for International Programs. For more info, please contact Charity Alinda at 610-436-3515 or *calinda@wcupa.edu*.

### Women on Wednesdays: Self-Advocacy in Healthcare November 14 – 12pm - 1pm Sykes, Room 10A

One of the most difficult skills to learn: how to advocate for yourself when it comes to the many doctors, specialists, OB/GYNs, and other healthcare providers you might have. Come chat with Rose Del Vecchio (health educator) and Cindy Barimani, RN about how to acknowledge the issues you would like to address with your providers, and how we can all work to make our voices heard when it comes to our bodies and our choices. Bring your lunch and we'll provide the dessert! For more info, e-mail *womenscenter@wcupa.edu*. Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity.

### International Student Country Expo 2018 November 14 – 11am - 2pm

#### Sykes Ballrooms

Come learn about countries represented at WCU. Sponsored by the Center for International Programs. For more info, please contact Charity Alinda at 610-436-3515 or *calinda@wcupa.edu*.

### **Passport Party**

### November 14 – 6pm – 8pm Sykes, Room 10A

Are you interested in studying abroad or traveling internationally? Come check out the passport party where you'll learn how to complete a passport and take your free passport photo. You'll also hear from students who just returned from studying abroad over the summer! Sponsored by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center and the Center for International Programs. For more info, contact Mr. Jairo Henao at 610-436-3273 or **jhenao@** wcupa.edu.

### Natural Wonder: The Stevie Wonder Experience November 17 at 7:30pm

**Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall** One of the greatest entertainers and music legends of all time is Stevie Wonder and the #1 entertainer dedicated to faithfully performing all of Stevie's music is Gabriel Bello and his group, "Natural Wonder". From "Ribbon in The Sky", "Isn't She Lovely", "Higher Ground" "I Just Called to Say I Love You" "Superstition" "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" and, on and on, you will swear that you are at a concert with none other than Stevie himself. This is a WCU Live event. Purchase tickets by calling 610-436-2266 or visit *www.wcupatix.com*.

### Trans Day of Remembrance November 20

National day to remember, recognize, and honor transgender folks that have been murdered. On this day, we aim to raise awareness of the violence, harassment and discrimination that many trans folks experience due to transphobia and trans oppression. For more info, please contact **Igbtga@wcupa.edu** or 610-436-3147.

### **Can Black Lives Matter? A Conversation with Frantz Fanon** November 28 at 4:30pm Sykes, Room 252

This event opens up the walls of the classroom and invites attendees to sit in on Dr. Rónké Òké's Critical Philosophy of Race course on the philosophy of Frantz Fanon. Fanon's ideas have been taken up by various thinkers/philosophers and political movements, making Fanon a very important figure for our times, but what would Fanon have to say about our contemporary era? In other words, how do we incorporate the "lived experience of the Black" Fanon once spoke of in Chapter 5 of "Black Skin, White Masks" to the lived experience of the Black person today? This public event will attempt to use Fanon to understand concepts like "the sunken place", Kanye's recent comments on slavery, and the penultimate question: Can Black Lives Matter?

### Ram I Am: Queer Folx Exploring Spirituality November 28 – 5pm - 7pm Sykes, Room 250

Does queerness exclude faith or does it make it stronger? Join us for a discussion that centers the intersections of faith, spirituality, gender & sexuality. Come build community and engage in dialogue as we explore different ways of addressing these parts of identity further. Light refreshments will be provided! For more info, please contact *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

#### World Aids Day December 1

This is a national day to raise global awareness about HIV/AIDS. Historically and currently, trans and queer phobia/oppression are directly linked to stigma about HIV/AIDS within LGBTQA+ communities. Join LGBTQA Services in pushing back on this stigma as we work in solidarity to end the stigma. For more info, please contact *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or 610-436-3147.

### **Stress Buster Day to Get Your Focus** December 3 – 8am to 8 pm Center for Contemplative Studies, 700 S. Church St.

This event will include mindfulness meditation, yoga, mindful art, therapy dogs and much more. For registration, please visit *www.wcupa.edu\CS*.

### **Green Dot Faculty/Staff Training** December 11 – 3:30pm - 5:30pm Sykes, Ballrooms A&B

Too many people are being hurt on our campus by acts of violence. Green Dot strives to change that by training bystanders to react when we see or hear something that puts someone at risk. It is also about being proactive to change the message and culture at West Chester University around violence. Do you want to be a part of a community where violence is not tolerated and everyone is expected to do their part? If your answer is yes, then join the over 1000 WCU students, faculty, and staff who joined the Green Dot movement! Registration info will be posted to *www.wcupa.edu/greendot* or contact Julie Belling at 610-436-2433 for more info.

#### Kente Commencement Ceremony December 14 at 7pm Hollinger Field House

Sponsored by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center and various members of the WCU community, the Fall Kente Commencement Ceremony is an event that celebrates and acknowledges the educational achievement of multicultural graduates through a heritage tradition. December graduates through a heritage tradition. December graduates who have been confirmed by the Registrar's Office to participate in the December Commencement Ceremony, should contact our office to register for this event. For more info, contact Angela Garrett at **multiculture@wcupa.edu** or 610-436-3273.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brunch Celebration January 25 – 10am – 12pm

Sykes Ballrooms

Join the Frederick Douglass Society and WCU in commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tickets will be available at the SSI Ticket Office. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Society MLK Brunch Committee and WCU. For more info, visit *https://www.wcupa.edu/mlk/* or contact The Frederick Douglass Society at *fds@wcupa.edu*.

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