THE 2020-2021 INSIDER’S GUIDE
WELCOME
 TO W&J
I am excited to welcome you to W&J! To help you navigate campus during your freshman year, we have created this guide to give you insider information about W&J. All of the information contained here is included to help you understand the ins and outs of campus life and provide insight on how to navigate W&J!

Undoubtedly, your college experience will be filled with opportunities to experience new things, and find and develop new interests and passions. I hope reading this guide will help you start to imagine your life on campus. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this information – you will build upon this knowledge throughout our Forge Your Foundation orientation program.

See you soon!

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WHO IS A W&J PRESIDENT?

For starters, **YOU!**

At W&J, we refer to our students, faculty and staff as Presidents. W&J Presidents are champions of uncommon integrity, competence, and maturity. We are lifelong learners and responsible citizens, and are prepared to contribute substantially to our world. W&J promotes your development of skills, knowledge, personal qualities, and a worldview that characterizes a well-educated person. We want to help you be the best you that you can be!

As students, W&J Presidents are individuals who excel both inside and outside of the classroom. These students—whose ranks you will soon join—understand the power of education as a foundation for building the futures they envision. Our Presidents come from diverse backgrounds, and we encourage you to engage with ideas and projects that will challenge your perspective! W&J Presidents aren’t afraid of a challenge and embrace the rigor of our academic programs, the strong connections they establish with our talented and welcoming faculty and staff, and the solid and proven outcomes of their W&J education.
CORE VALUES OF A W&J PRESIDENT

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY VALUES

In 2017, our W&J Student Government Association created and implemented the Peer Values Statement as a commitment to integrity for all W&J Presidents. During your Matriculation Ceremony to celebrate your arrival at the College, you will affirm the statement as a promise to uphold the values and help your peers do the same!

You will see this statement around campus, referenced in campus correspondence and discussed among members of the campus community. It’s included here so you can start to familiarize yourself with it!

As students at W&J, we hold each other to a standard to achieve uncommon integrity as individuals and as a community. In order to thrive and excel, we expect that individuals within our community will:

• Promote a culture of respect and civility
• Respect the privacy, property and freedom of others
• Practice personal and academic integrity and expect it from others
• Respect the dignity and work of all individuals
• Promote the diversity of opinions, ideas, and backgrounds of others

As a member of the W&J community, you are asked to adopt these tenets for yourself and your peers. The college motto: Juncta Juvant (Together We Thrive) embodies the expectation that we hold ourselves and our peers to a standard of responsibility, excellence, and integrity.

**TRADITIONS**

A HUGE part of being a W&J President is embracing our college traditions! Here’s the skinny on some of the traditions you’ll experience as a W&J President (listed in alphabetical order):

**Baccalaureate:** A celebration during graduation week that honors each year’s graduating senior class. Baccalaureate allows seniors to reflect on their time as W&J Presidents with the many caring people who make up the campus community. Faith can play a role in this ceremony—but as champions on diversity, we celebrate students from all religious backgrounds! During Baccalaureate, we light the unity candle, which symbolizes the various religious denominations represented on campus joining together to lift each other up.

**Commencement:** This is the big one! Commencement is a fancy name for our graduation ceremony, in which the
seniors receive their diplomas. We make sure you go out on a high note as we hear speeches from the senior student commencement speaker and the keynote Commencement speaker, a national leader in their field who also receives an honorary degree. Every year, the graduating class selects a faculty and staff member to honor at the ceremony for their contributions to the College and the support they provide for students. This event is held in our James David Ross Family Recreation Center in a full-circle moment, ending your time at W&J in the place it began during the Matriculation Ceremony.

**Commonsgiving**: An annual holiday tradition and a student favorite! W&J Dining hosts their own Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings in The Commons dining hall. Make sure you and your friends are in line well before the doors open, as the line to get in usually wraps around the block!

**DUBJAM**: An annual celebration of the end of the school year that’s full of surprises and has previously included activities like carnival rides, live animals, game booths, a drive-in movie, and laser tag. The night prior, Student Government Association (SGA) hosts the big concert of the year, bringing in national recording artists to perform exclusively for W&J students! Past performers include Jesse McCartney, T-Pain, Third Eye Blind, Kid Ink, and Wale, among others.
**Feel Good Friday:** Throughout the fall and spring semesters, various offices on campus host “Feel Good Friday” during lunchtime on Fridays, in which they give away prizes or free food to students.

**Finals Week Stress Busters:** Studying for the big test can be stressful, and we want to help you unwind with various events and activities that bring some fun to the end of the semester. These events include a donut feast (sponsored by the local Church of the Covenant), Paws for a Study Break with therapy dogs in the Clark Family Library, food giveaways around campus, and chair massages.

**Forge Your Foundation:** Orientation for new students! This program is designed to help you transition to college life and provide the opportunity for you as a new student to connect with other W&J Presidents in your class. You’ll make great memories during orientation with some exciting signature events, like Playfair, a community fair, the President’s Block Party, and more.

**Holiday Light Up Week:** An annual classic celebration sponsored by the President’s Office, Student Life, and Student Activities Board (SAB) to help the W&J community celebrate the holidays. Events include a celebration dinner, SAB’s WinterFest event, and representations of holiday celebrations from many
cultures. It all kicks off with the lighting of the President’s Holiday Tree at the President’s House!

**Honors Convocation:** An annual celebratory ceremony in which our academic departments recognize students for their distinguished academic achievements. Hats off to you, smarties!

**Involvement Expo:** Early in the fall semester, student organizations come together for an activities fair to kick off your social engagement at W&J, provide information about activities and give you the chance to sign up for different opportunities.

**Late Nite Breakfast:** On Reading Day (aka a study day between the last day of classes and first day of finals), you’re invited to The Commons dining hall at night for a free breakfast served by staff members of the Student Life Team. This is one of the most popular events offered each semester. The best part? No meal swipe required!

**Majors Fair:** Hosted by the honorary society Alpha Lambda Delta, this event is an opportunity for you to meet faculty in all academic departments and programs. Some areas will also have student representatives available to answer questions and share their experiences in the major. This is a great event to learn about different academic programs and find your major!
**Matriculation:** This ceremony, held on the first day of orientation, is a formal representation of the first-year class entering W&J. In addition to receiving a welcome from the W&J President and the SGA President, you will hear from last year’s Faculty Member of the Year recipient, stand in affirmation with the Student Government Association President as they read the Statement of Affirmation for Peer-to-Peer Values, receive your official W&J College Pin, and walk across the Old Main seal as the Old Main bells toll.

**Old Main Bell and Seal of the College:** The bell of Old Main only tolls twice during the entire year: during Matriculation as the first freshman student crosses the College seal in Old Main and on your Commencement day when you cross the seal once more to mark your move to the next phase. Though you are always a W&J President, this process represents the bookends to your time as a student. According to W&J legend, it is bad luck to cross the seal at any other point during your time as a student—so we keep it blocked off at all other times during the year!

**SAB's Big Bingo:** Student Activities Board hosts a bingo game several times during the school year featuring awesome prizes! And if you needed more reasons to go, it’s free to play!
**Spoon of Knowledge:** The passing of the Spoon of Knowledge from graduating seniors to representatives of the junior class has been a proud tradition at W&J since 1885. While lore around the origins of the giant spoon represented is foggy, it seems likely that on the eve of graduation, seniors wanted to pass along some of the knowledge and perspective they had acquired at W&J to the rising senior class. Education is not a personal possession to be hoarded but a blessing to be shared. A silver plaque for each graduating class was attached to the Spoon for more than eighty years. In 1969, however, in a time of turbulence on colleges across the country, the Spoon of Knowledge tradition at W&J was broken. No passing ceremony occurred for some twenty years. But President Howard J. Burnett sought to renew the tradition. He commissioned Kenneth Jackson, a sculptor from the Class of 1969, to hand-carve a new Spoon of Knowledge. Since 1992, graduating seniors have again shared their hopes for the future and their love of the College with the long line of students who will follow them.

**Symposium on Democracy:** Introduced by President John C. Knapp, the Symposium challenges the W&J Community to carefully consider the tenets of democracy, freedom, and functioning society. Led by expert speakers and student participants, the Symposium examines a range of topics, including
the challenges inherent in founding and sustaining a democracy, the intersection of democracy and technology, and a holistic analysis of the founding fathers – particularly our namesakes – from a 21st century perspective.

**Taste of Washington:** Local businesses come to campus throughout the semester and provide information about their student discounts as well as a sampling of their food or services.

**TOM Talks:** Inspired by TED Talks, TOM Talks is a student-run discussion series hosted by the Washington Fellows scholars that allows students to present independent research.

**W&J College Pin:** Received during your Matriculation ceremony, your W&J College pin is meant to be worn at formal events during your time as a student, as well as at your Matriculation and Commencement ceremonies. We wear our pins over our hearts with pride!

**Welcome Week:** Every fall during the first week of classes, the Division of Student Life sponsors various activities which have included a live gameshow, the Involvement Expo, comedians, magicians, giveaways, and more to welcome all students back to campus!
W&J LINGO

There are certain terms you’ll hear once you arrive on campus. Below is a helpful list of some of those words and their definitions so you can be in the know when you’re settling in.

**Chestnut:** Chestnut, or Chestnut Street, refers to the location of the College’s Fraternity and Sorority houses. W&J currently has five fraternity chapters and four sorority chapters.

**Comms:** AKA The Commons, Comms is one of three dining options on campus. This is a sit-down dining option with a variety of food stations which offer fresh and healthy options. You’ll often see Head Chef Amira stopping at tables to speak with students about their dining experience and may run even run into Knapps during your meal time! It’s a great place to connect on campus!

**CPS:** Shorthand for Campus & Public Safety. Their office is open twenty-four hours daily, seven days a week. Members of the staff include certified police officers supplemented by security officers who are focused on security, general safety, and fire safety, and who are devoted to your safety.
**Dean Eva:** Dean Eva Chatterjee-Sutton is our Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Life. Dean Eva wants to make sure you have the best college experience possible, and is available to meet with students during her open office hours each week, which are listed in the W&J Weekly.

**DP:** DP, or Dieter-Porter, is the academic building that houses the Biology and Psychology departments.

**Dubjay:** This is what most students (and even some alumni) affectionately call W&J, mimicking the sound of the syllables in the shorthand for our beloved alma mater.

**FYS:** First Year Seminar (FYS) is both an intensive study of a focused topic and an introduction to the intellectual life of the College you’ll have during your first semester at W&J. Courses focus on a wide variety of exciting topics taught in a discussion-based environment to promote student engagement and intellectual curiosity. The course helps students make the transition to college-level work by emphasizing academic skills such as critical reading, thinking, and analysis. Your FYS instructor also serves as your academic advisor for the duration of the first year.
**Gateway:** W&J Gateway is how we bring you into the W&J community. You will fill out all your forms for housing, course selection, and meal plans via W&J Gateway. Also, you will find all relevant information for coming into W&J, and important dates and deadlines for registration and move-in on the W&J Gateway webpages.

**GnT’s:** (pronounced like “gints”) also referred to as G&T’s and George & Tom’s Place. GnT’s is one of three dining options on campus, and functions as a grab-and-go option for the campus community.

**Handshake:** Looking for a job, internship, or other professional opportunity? As a W&J student you have access to Handshake, a national hiring platform specifically for college students that connects you with jobs around the world. Handshake is also a great place to find on-campus jobs!

**Juncta Juvant:** This is W&J’s Latin motto, which we translate as “Together We Thrive.”

**LINK:** LINK Mentors are upperclass students who are paired with each First Year Seminar (FYS) course. Your LINK will assist you in adjusting to the academic and social transition between high school and college and help prepare you to achieve educational, personal and career goals. LINKs provide this help through small
group interaction and one-on-one attention during the fall and spring semesters.

**Local Business Ambassador:** The W&J Local Business Ambassador Program highlights businesses that offer W&J students discounts. You’ll know the participants by the W&J Ambassador Program decal in the window at their location! Currently there are more than 60 local business that offer discounts to the W&J Community.

**Magellan:** The Magellan Project is a program unique to W&J that offers W&J-based funding and support to engage in unparalleled experiences such as internships, research, or study abroad during the summer months. Magellan gives you a hands-on opportunity to explore your passions and interests. Since its conception in 2012, W&J students have travelled to six continents and more than seventy countries. Where will your Magellan take you?

**Monti’s:** Monti’s, also known as Monticello’s, is a late-night snack shop that is run by volunteers from the organization Student Activities Board (SAB) every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. – midnight when classes are in session. Come by and enjoy FREE milkshakes, snacks and a variety of live entertainment, including karaoke and musical performers.
My W&J: Your personal platform to stay connected with the College! My W&J is our Intranet that serves as a hub for W&J news and announcements, important information, a calendar of W&J events, and more.

Navigate: During your first year at W&J, you’ll have programming designed just for you to figure out the peaks and pit falls of adjusting to your new surroundings. For the first semester, you’ll have your trusty LINK Mentor to lead the way. In the second semester, it’s your turn to take the wheel, and you’ll learn how to be the leader you were born to be!

PAL: We know some questions just can’t be asked in the classroom and sometimes the help you need comes from someone who’s just been through the same experience as you. The Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL) program provides peer-based academic assistance in both writing and subject areas such as Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Computing and Information Studies, Economics, Math (General and Probability & Statistics), Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Russian, Spanish), Physics, and Psychology to make sure you’re getting everything you need out of your academic programs here at W&J.
**Pipeline:** This refers to a free shuttle service called The Pittsburgh Pipeline, which provides access to Pittsburgh on weekend and for specific events during the academic year.

**PrezPoint:** The official W&J Campus Community social media channels Instagram and Twitter. Similar to the W&J Weekly, PrezPoint is another go-to and reliable location for W&J event information, campus announcements, and highlights from daily life at W&J!

**#PrezPride:** The indelible feeling of joy that students, faculty, staff, and alumni refer to when talking about W&J. Share it with this social media hashtag!

**The Row:** President’s Row (sometimes referred to as Prez Row), these are nine co-ed, upperclass residence halls located in the heart of campus. Also referred to by some alumni as the quads.

**RA:** A Resident Assistant (RA) is a part-time student staff member in the Office of Residence Life who works with a specific student resident community on campus. RAs are leaders on campus who strive to promote a positive living environment and ensure your safety within your residential communities. They are also ambassadors of the W&J student experience outside of the classroom, and on hand to facilitate your communication with Residence Life.
**The Rush:** A weekly shuttle service available to take students to various shopping destinations. The shuttles conveniently pick up and drop off in the Campus Center Circle.

**SAB:** The Student Activities Board is an organization of your peers with the primary goal of planning and promoting both on- and off-campus events for our students. These events have included Monticello’s (located in the Hub, open every Friday and Saturday night), Big Bingo, Holiday Light Up Night, Big City Trip, DubJam Street Fair, and more.

**SGA:** The Student Government Association is the overarching organization for student advocacy and support on campus that promotes standards of student freedom and maturity and the individual interests of the student body. SGA provides support to all student organizations and accordingly allocates student activity funds. The SGA is led by an executive board and made up of class representatives, all elected by the student body.

**The Ski Lodge or The Lodge:** The Ski Lodge is located on the lower level of The Commons next to X’Prez’O. It features a fireplace and comfortable furniture, which creates a lodge-like environment and an inviting place for students to meet with classmates, study groups, and faculty.
SSC: Student Success Consultants (SSC) work with you during your First Year Seminar (FYS) courses, meeting individually three times in a semester to support your acclimation to the College. You’ll discuss topics like navigating the campus, engaging with College resources and staff, getting involved in campus activities and reducing communication barriers. The consultants also will have open office hours so you can drop by and ask questions without an appointment!

Swipe: This is another term used for the access given to you through your W&J ID. You will need your swipe to get into your residence hall and to access all food venues on campus.

Taylor: Taylor is the parking lot where all freshmen can park their cars on campus. There is no charge for campus parking but a parking sticker is required. You can apply for your sticker through W&J Gateway or with CPS.

The Weekly: The W&J Weekly is an email newsletter designed to inform the W&J community of campus events and announcements on a week by week basis. A primary email comes out every Monday and highlights all of the campus happenings for that week. A secondary communication called The Weekender goes out every Thursday and lists all of the events and news for the coming weekend. Everything in the Weekly
links back to our Intranet, which serves as a hub of information for W&J students, faculty, and staff.

**Teams:** To connect virtually, W&J uses Microsoft Teams. Through Teams, you can have video conferences and real-time text communications with your classes and clubs and organizations. For some groups, Zoom is also a valuable tool for remote communications.

**Whichi Coax:** This is our old college fight song! In the past, the chant has been invoked at sporting events and campus ceremonies. You may hear students use the term to denote a sense of pride in the College.

**WNJR:** This is the College-owned and operated radio station. It features radio shows from members of both the W&J community and the greater Washington community. You can listen to WNJR live on air at 91.7 FM or via the station’s website at wnjr.org.

**X’Prez’O:** X’Prez’O is one of three dining options on-campus. The café offers a selection of beverages, snacks, grab-and-go food items, and baked goods.
PLACES ON CAMPUS

Know where to go when you’re looking at that class schedule! We’ve got the low down on all the buildings around campus.

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Dieter-Porter Hall (DP): Dieter-Porter, or DP, is home to the biology and psychology departments. DP features lab space for hands-on learning opportunities and a greenhouse on the third floor.

The Howard J. Burnett Center (Burnett): Burnett opened in the fall of 2001. Named in honor of W&J’s 10th president who served the College from 1970 to 1998, Burnett houses the academic departments of economics and business, modern languages, communications arts, and education as well as the WNJR radio station. Burnett features lounge space that can be used as study space after class hours.

John A. Swanson Science Center (Swanson): Opened in 2010, Swanson is dedicated to the physical sciences, including physics and chemistry. The LEED-certified building features wet and dry laboratories, research and classroom space, and break-out study spaces. A beautiful atrium on the first floor often hosts academic
functions and serves as a great study space for students of any major.

**Old Main:** The iconic towers of Old Main stand proudly over the College, symbolizing the joining of Washington and Jefferson colleges to create the institution we all know and love today. Several departments call Old Main home, including history, political science, philosophy, sociology, and mathematics. In the evenings, students use the unoccupied classrooms for group studying or meetings.

**Olin Fine Arts Center (Olin):** In addition to classrooms and offices, Olin houses the Olin Fine Art Gallery and a fully-equipped 488-seat auditorium. A hangout for those in the arts, Olin hosts many events throughout the year, including professional shows and student-run productions. The building houses the art and music departments and the theatre concentration, a branch of communication arts.

**Tech Center (Tech):** Tech is the home for the computing and information studies (CIS) department and features computing and technological resources including computer workstations, a Global Learning Unit, ‘smart’ classrooms, and seminar rooms. Tech also has an open lounge for studying, and is the site of many late-night study sessions.
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Admission House: You may be familiar with this space from your campus visits! The Admission House on Wheeling Street is a beautiful Victorian home built in 1894 where you’ll find our friendly and helpful admission staff. Although converted into offices, much of the original architectural integrity has been restored and is intact.

Barron P. McCune Alumni House: The Alumni House is another Victorian-style home that the College acquired in 1989. Prior its current function, the house was used as an upper-class residence hall. It now houses the Alumni Relations Office. Many of the original elements of the house survive today, including the mahogany-paneled study room and the walnut-paneled dining room.

Campus & Public Safety Office: The Department of Campus & Public Safety is located in part of historic Old Main, facing the Rossin Campus Center. You’ll find our helpful campus safety staff here 24/7, ready to assist you should you require their aid!

Davis Hall (Davis): Davis was built in 1848 as a family estate, and remodeled by the College in 1947 for academic purposes. This building houses the English department faculty.
Clark Family Library: The College library has had quite the journey dating all the way back to 1789, when Benjamin Franklin gave the nascent Washington College a £50 pound donation for books. (The Clark Family Library archives still holds five books from this original purchase!) When Washington College and Jefferson College were unified in 1865, the College’s Carnegie Library, now known as Thompson Memorial Hall, housed the collections students used to supplement their studies. In 1965, the College built the U. Grant Miller Library—the current building that serves as our campus library. In May 2019, we finished a major renovation to that space, converting the upper floor to collaborative study spaces, increasing the footprint of our archives and special collections, and updating the building to be more accessible for all patrons. The building was renamed for our former Board of Trustees chairman and his wife, Richard and Angela Clark, whose generosity allowed us to make these upgrades and bring this cutting-edge study facility to W&J.

Thompson Hall: Built in 1905, Thompson Hall served as the first unified library of W&J. The outside trim of the building bears the words “Memorial Library” and the names of many historical and literary figures. Thompson Hall currently houses the offices of the Registrar, Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, and Human Resources, and is located adjacent to Old Main.
**McMillan Hall:** McMillan Hall, built in 1793, is the oldest building on campus and is the eighth oldest academic building in the United States still in use for its original academic purpose. In the beginning of the College, McMillan Hall served as the only building for what was then known as Washington Academy. The building is named after College founder and Presbyterian missionary John McMillan and in 1977, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, it is home to the President’s Office, Office of Communication and Marketing, and members of the Alumni and Development teams.

**Rossin Campus Center:** Located in the center of campus, Rossin is the home base for W&J life outside the classroom. The building is home to the Student Life Office Suite, Career Services offices, and the Campus Mailroom. You can also get all your W&J attire at the Campus Store, grab a quick bite to eat G&T’s, and stop by one of many campus events held in the Allen Ballroom. Need to catch up on some studying? Study spaces are available on the Rossin Bridge and balcony of the Ballroom.

**The Commons:** The Commons connects to Rossin via the Rossin Bridge, housing two of W&J’s dining options: The Commons, a cafeteria-style dining facility that shares the building’s name, and X’Prez’O, a café that
serves pastries, soup and sandwiches. The Lodge is located on the ground floor of the Commons, and is frequented by students, faculty, and staff for studying or working, and enjoying a cup of coffee from X’Prez’O. Want to volunteer in the local Washington community?

**ATHLETIC & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

**Alexandre Stadium:** Alexandre Stadium hosts the College’s men’s and women’s soccer teams in the fall and the men’s and women’s lacrosse squads in the spring season. The 233,000-square foot playing surface accommodates two full soccer/lacrosse fields.

**Brooks Park:** The home site for the Washington & Jefferson College softball team, Brooks Park is dedicated solely to the use of the softball team and is one of the most impressive facilities in Division III athletics.

**Cameron Stadium:** Cameron Stadium is home to the football and field hockey teams, with many teams using the field throughout the year for practice. Also the home of Towler Hall, an event space that is utilized throughout the year!

**Eaton Fitness Center:** Located in the Henry Memorial Athletic Complex, the Eaton Fitness Center is a newly-updated facility featuring traditional exercise
equipment—including treadmills, ellipticals, and weight-lifting machines.

**Henry Memorial Athletic Complex:** The Henry Memorial Athletic Complex is the home of the newly-renovated Salvitti Family Gymnasium, Eaton Fitness Center, and the Henry Memorial Natatorium. Our volleyball, basketball, wrestling, swimming and diving, and water polo teams all practice and compete in this facility. The Natatorium hosts open swim hours for the W&J community throughout the week.

**The Hub:** At the hub, you’ll find everything you need to chill outside of class. Kick back and relax with your friends in one of the TV lounges. Check out some videogames for FREE or use our free Hulu and Netflix accounts to watch all of your favorite movies and TV shows! The hub also features a game room with pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball, PAC-MAN, and a juke box and is home to Monti’s, the late-night snack shop run by the Student Activities Board (SAB), that is open every Friday and Saturday night.

**James David Ross Recreation Center:** The Rec Center was built in the spring of 2017, and is an addition to Henry Memorial Athletic Complex, which has long been the home of athletics at W&J. The 30,000-square foot facility features a three-lane, 167-meter walking/running track;
three multi-sport athletic courts marked for basketball, volleyball, and tennis; a wrestling room; and a general exercise room for activities like yoga and Pilates. Offices and recruiting spaces for the Athletics Department are also located here.

**Janet Swanson Tennis Center:** The Swanson Tennis Center opened in the fall of 2015 and features six lighted outdoor tennis courts and a designated viewing area that allows a comfortable view of all courts.

**Ross Memorial Park:** Ross Memorial Park is home to the W&J baseball team. Fun Fact: The playing surface is entirely made of the artificial playing surface FieldTurf, and a FieldTurf representative shared that Ross Memorial Park and Alexandre Stadium combined represent the largest continuous artificial playing surface in the world.

**RESIDENCE HALLS**

**First-Year Student Housing**

**Alexander Hall:** Alex is a co-ed residence hall. The residents of Alex enjoy suite style living, a community kitchen, and several quiet study spaces, including two study rooms on each floor. In addition, it boasts a large ground floor common area that is frequently home to great programs and activities.
**Beau Hall:** Beau is a co-ed residence hall. The residents of Beau enjoy suite style living, a community kitchen, and laundry facilities conveniently located in the building. A large, recently renovated common space on the ground floor provides an area for studying and socializing. The building’s “U” shape creates a grassy courtyard outside where students can relax and enjoy nice weather.

**Mellon Hall:** Mellon is an all-female residence hall consisting primarily of double rooms. Residents on each floor share one of the 4 bathrooms. The first and second floors have study rooms available to all residents, and a large common room is located on the ground floor. A courtyard area shared with Upperclass and North Halls is often the site of Frisbee games.

**Upperclass Hall:** Upperclass is an all-male residence hall. It consists primarily of double rooms but also includes a limited number of triple and single rooms. Residents share common floor bathrooms. A courtyard area located on the building’s west side and the building’s ground floor common room are great places to spend time with new friends. Laundry facilities are nearby in neighboring North Hall.
Upperclass Student Housing

**Bica-Ross Hall:** Bica-Ross Hall offers a suite style living option for students primarily in their junior and senior years. Each suite in Bica-Ross contains 4 single bedrooms, a common living area, common bathroom, and storage closet. Additionally, each suite is equipped with a heating and air conditioning system. Each floor includes a study space featuring a kitchenette with a sink, refrigerator and microwave. A laundry facility is located on the ground floor. The building leads out to a courtyard, and is adjacent to the Henry Memorial Athletic Complex.

**Marshall Hall:** Marshall Hall is home to upperclass men and women who enjoy suite-style living with two rooms sharing a bathroom. Marshall has two study rooms on each floor and a large common area on the ground floor for relaxing and socializing where students can watch TV, play a game of pool, or cook a meal together in the community kitchen. Laundry facilities are located next door in Beau Hall.

**New Residence Hall:** New Residence Hall, or New Res, offers a suite-style living option primarily for students in their junior and senior years. Each suite in New Res contains two single bedrooms and a double room, a common living area, common bathroom, and storage
closet and is equipped with a heating and air conditioning system. Each floor features a study room that includes a kitchenette with a sink, refrigerator and microwave. A laundry facility is available on the ground floor.

**Penn House:** Penn is an upperclass residence hall for male students. The house has single, double, and triple rooms and a restroom on each floor. The house is located on Penn Avenue behind Marshall Hall.

**President’s Row:** President’s Row offers a variety of housing options for upperclass students. There are nine buildings within this community, which offer co-ed, themed communities, including W&J’s much talked-about Pet House. Each building consists of a community of eight students living in each wing, sharing a common bathroom and has a common lounge and laundry facility.

**Wade House:** Wade House is an upperclass, all-female residence hall. The house has single, double, and triple rooms and a restroom on each floor. The house is located up the hill from Burnett and Olin in a historic section of East Washington Borough.

**Whitworth House:** Whitworth offers a unique living environment for upperclass female students in that it is divided into apartments featuring a bathroom, living room and full kitchen. The house is located up the hill
from Burnett and Olin Halls in a historic section of East Washington Borough.

Fraternity & Sorority Housing

All of W&J’s Fraternities and Sororities live in the College-owned Chestnut Street houses. These three-story buildings have common spaces throughout the house, a large chapter room, full kitchen, single and double rooms on the second and third floors, and an apartment suite on the ground floor. Here are the current fraternities and sororities on W&J’s campus:

Sororities: Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi

Fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi
PLEDGE TO PROMOTE SAFETY

At Washington & Jefferson College, we believe that we are better when we are together even though being together comes with risks. The COVID-19 global pandemic and the risks posed to our community require that each of us observes heightened health and safety precautions during the coming academic year. We’re asking all our community members to take our Pledge to Promote Safety by:

• Monitoring their own health and practicing self care
• Taking action by engaging in prevention tactics, like frequent hand washing and mask wearing
• Respecting each other’s space by social distancing
• Showing support for others in our community
• You’ll receive the full pledge along with the rest of our community!
During your time at W&J, you will have incredible experience and have the opportunity to grow. You’ll have fun, try new things, make mistakes, and learn through all of it as you become the person you are meant to be. We’re so excited to be on that journey with you! But before we wrap up our Insider’s Guide, we want to share an alumni’s perspective on what the W&J experience has to offer you:
VALE

She was ours before we could be hers.
In faith, this foster mother took us in,
And stayed with us unwearied while we found
An open mind, humility, compassion:
All virtues not inborn, but taught by her.

In a place that changed with each arrival,
Accepting differences as though it were the same,
We learned from her to love and give the self,
And what is learning but a gift outright?
Our farewell here is spoken with this trust;
That now-as then-and always, she remains
The hope for other orphans like ourselves.

- Sarah Marsh ‘03

The presentation of “Vale” on May 17, 2003, marks the inaugural reading of this original work of poetry.