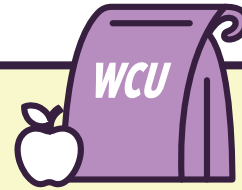


# BUILDING FOR TOMORROW: CONSTRUCTION, CONNECTION, CURRICULUM

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION 2026 • SCIENCES & ENGINEERING CENTER AND THE COMMONS • WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 • 11:30AM – 3PM

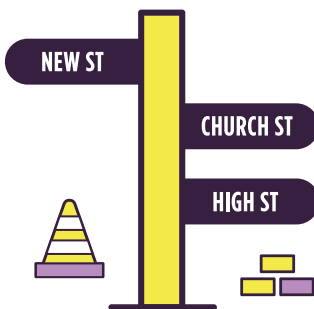
## EAT & DRINK

**“Build Your Own” Buffet (11:30 am – 2 pm, ongoing) The Commons**  
Bolt out of the office and dig into a DIY inspired lunch menu in The Commons. Build your own burger or dog, tacos, noodle bowl, or salad and be sure to save room for dessert.



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- Eat & Drink
- Explore & Experience
- Learn



An accessible entrance to the SECC building is located at the main entrance, across from Hollinger Field House.

## EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

Choose how you would like to build your day.

**Tracy Davidson “Rise Stronger: Building Real World Resilience” (1 pm, 2 pm) Floor 1, Ballrooms A & B**  
Tracy Davidson spent more than three decades as one of Philadelphia’s most recognized and trusted voices at NBC10, holding power accountable, championing consumers, and showing up for her community with both grit and grace. Join us when Tracy brings her signature clarity, warmth, and evidence-based strategies to West Chester University to help us rise stronger, sustain success, and lead with heart.

**Make Connections and a Bracelet (12–3 pm, ongoing) Floor 1, Club 1871**  
Take some time out of the busy day to make connections with colleagues and bead your own bracelet. Building mindfulness tip: Think of an inspiring word or phrase to bead and then wear your positive affirmation.

**Construction Site Photo Booth (12–3 pm, ongoing) Floor 2, Outside Room 213**   
Stop by the Construction Site Photo Booth and gear up for a good time! Grab a hard hat and safety vest to build memories with your crew. Do not miss this chance to frame the moment.

**2026 Gift of the Day (12–3 pm, ongoing) Floor 1, Learning Stairs**  
Plan to pick up the much-anticipated 2026 commemorative gift of the day to Thank YOU for all that you do. Years of Service milestone gifts will also be distributed here.



## LEARN

We are a community of educators. We encourage you to explore and participate in the hands-on fun facilitated by WCU faculty, staff, and students throughout the building.

**Tanglewood Now and Then (1 pm, 1:45 pm) Floor 2, Room 213**  
Subject matter experts Doug Hipkins, Manager of Facilities Design and Construction (FDC), Tiffany Bailey, Interior Designer (FDC), and Steve Bilinger, RA from Archer & Buchanan Architecture will walk you through the recent renovations of Tanglewood. Learn how this team maintained the integrity of this historic property while updating to meet current campus community needs.

**Blueprint for Success: WCU Project Updates (12:30 pm, 2:15 pm) Floor 2, Room 213**  
Join Nicole Ward, Facilities Design and Construction (FDC) Executive Director, for a dynamic learning session highlighting exciting recent projects on campus and how FDC blueprints campus success.

**WCU Campus Tours from New Perspective (1 pm, 1:45 pm) Floor 2, Room 208**  
Dr. Gary Coutu, Department Chair for the Department of Geography and Planning, will take you on a virtual tour of campus using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies including 3-D models, drone imagery, and maps. Learn how WCU GIS helps develop the campus, our community, and student success.

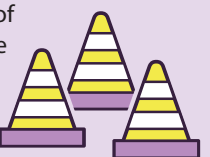
**Building Curriculum: Immersive Learning Center (1:00–2:30 pm, ongoing) First Floor, Room 156**  
Experience the nuts and bolts of the Duey Immersive Learning Center, an innovative, interdisciplinary space that supports a wide range of healthcare programs. Join us as we also recognize 50 years of Nursing at WCU, with faculty and students on hand to highlight the cutting-edge work shaping the next generation of care.

**WCU Busy Bees: Sustainability & Innovation (1–3 pm, ongoing) Outside SECC East Entrance**  
Extract and Box beekeeper, Tim Ferris, is back with the buzz on how healthy honeybees do more than make delicious honey. Learn how WCU busy bees help strengthen food systems and drive bio-pharma. Enter your name to win WCU fall honey while you are there.

**WCU Students Solving Real World Biomedical Engineering Problems (1:30 pm, 2:15 pm) First Floor, Room 172**  
Join Dr. Jesse K. Placone, Associate Professor and Interim Chair, to learn more about BME and how WCU students have collaborated with faculty to develop innovative technical solutions for medical disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention with their Senior Design Capstone projects.

**Teambuilding: A Championship Culture (1:30 pm, 2:30 pm) Floor 2, Room 202**  
Join Steve Mazurek, Head Coach and Aquatics Director, “on deck” to see how the WCU Swimming and Diving program builds teams and sustains a championship culture. No getting wet required!

**Laying the Foundation for Future Dietitians (1–3 pm, ongoing) Floor 2, Room 209**  
Step into the future of learning with Dr. Mike Holik from the Department of Nutrition and experience how immersive virtual reality is transforming the classroom — bringing you inside a hospital foodservice environment to explore the role of a registered dietitian.



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