

DECEMBER 2021



W.I.S.E GUIDE:

THE WILKES INITIATIVE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Presented by The Office of Civic Engagement



What Happened in November?

- Grand Opening
Open House
- Veteran's Event
- Global Coffee
Hour
- Film Series



Whats Happening in December?

- December 4th
Habitat Restore
- 8th Last Film
Series
- 10th at CEO
- 11th Christmas
Village
- LEAP-AB Spring

Featured Photo: The Bonner Lounge

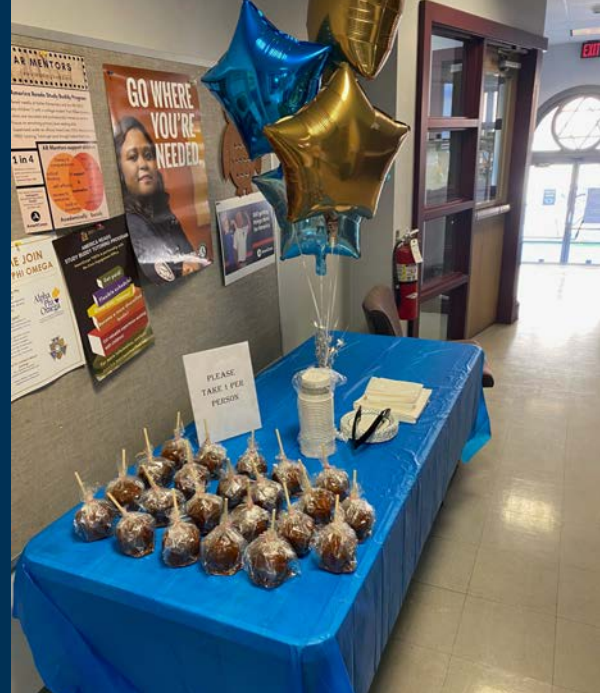
Welcome back for this month's December News. Learn about our November in Civic Engagement including our collaboration with the Career Center for our building's grand opening open house! Additionally, catch a head's up on upcoming events for the month of December.

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RECENT EVENTS

Grand Opening Collaboration

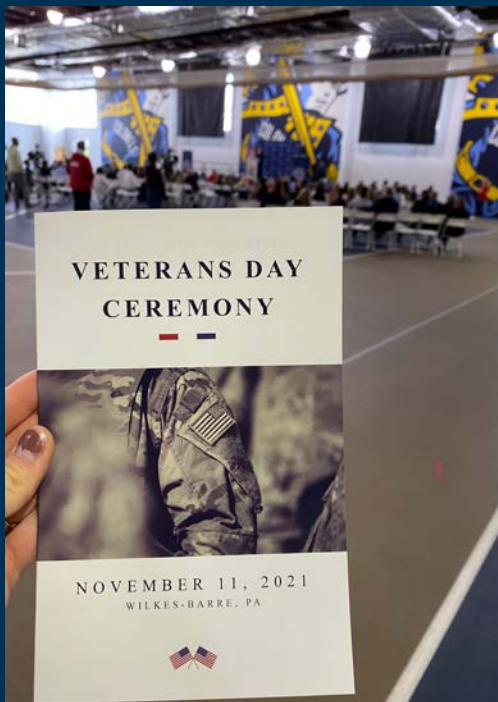


Civic Engagement and the Career Center celebrated their first Fall Open House on November 5th! Juana Elena Pimentel Gonzalez, Sarah Pavlick, and the Career Ambassadors from the Career Center did an incredible job planning and coordinating the event. There was an abundance of caramel apples, empanadas, coffee, and home baked goods. We had appearances from President Cant, faculty, staff, students, and writers from the Beacon who featured the grand opening in their latest issue of the Beacon newspaper. Shoutout to Megan Pitts who was the winner of the Wilkes themed raffle basket! We hope to see some familiar faces in the building going forward!

RECENT EVENTS

Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Veteran's Council collaborated with Wilkes University to hold the The Veteran's Ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11th in the McHale Athletic Center. It was a beautiful ceremony honoring and commemorating war veterans from the Korean War otherwise known as "The Forgotten War."



RECENT EVENTS

Global Coffee Hour with C.E.

A few members of the Office of Civic Engagement joined Georgia Costalas in the Savitz Lounge for Global Coffee Hour on a Wednesday in early November. This week, they learned about the traditions of Diwail which is a Hindu tradition otherwise known as the Festival of Lights. Traditionally, Diwali begins on November 4th and lasts for several days. In honor of this festival, they created and designed their own lanterns from a little bit of hot glue, popsicle sticks, and wax paper!



Global Coffee Hour Details:

Every Wednesday afternoon

2:00pm in the Savitz Lounge

Snacks provided

Participate in a new cultural experience!

Come and learn something new each week!

Contact Georgia Costalas or Erica Acosta for more info!

UPCOMING EVENTS

What is going on in December?

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

Volunteer for Habitat Restore

Join us on Saturday, **December 4th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** to participate in a service opportunity with Habitat for Humanity! Contact megan.boone@wilkes.edu for more information and to sign up!



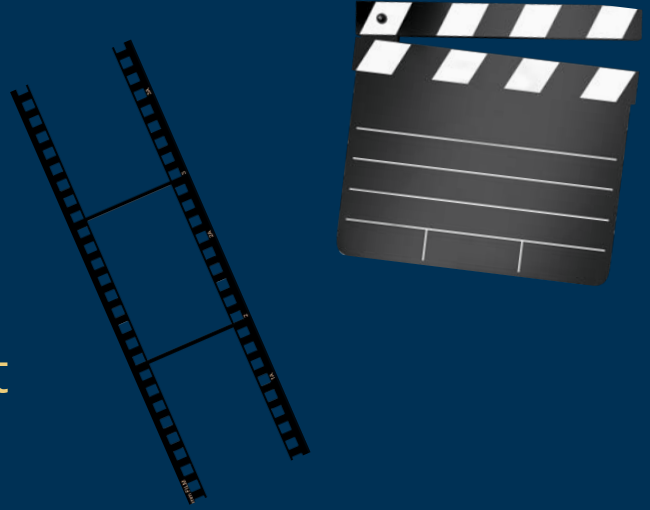
THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

The Film Series will present its last film showing and discussion via Zoom.

Through the Night: December 8 at 6:00 pm

Zoom

Talkback with Psychology Expert
Dr. Ellen Newell



FRIDAY DECEMBER 10TH

Volunteer with Food Distributions!

Join Civic Engagement on Friday **December 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at CEO Food Bank in Scranton to help with the food distribution and packing meals! Rides will be available. For more information, contact megan.boone@wilkes.edu.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 11TH

Christmas at Koziars

Join our Graduate Assistant, Julie Chropowicki, and our AmeriCorps VISTA, Monica Morrison, on a trip to Koziar's Christmas Village on December 11th!

Student Development Presents

Holiday Light Trip

**END YOUR SEMESTER OF HARD WORK
WITH SHOPPING AT THE HERSHEY
TANGER OUTLETS AND
A WALK THROUGH LIGHTS
DISPLAY AT KOZIAR'S!**

December 11 | 12 PM-10 PM

\$5 to sign up and reserve your spot

**Sign up at the info desk!
25 spots available**



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

LEAP-AB SPRING BREAK

Learn more about all options for alternative spring break next semester Spring 2022!



To learn more, visit www.wilkes.edu/campus-life/student-development/civic-engagement.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION



**BLANKETS,
TOWELS &
KITTEN FOOD**

Donations can be brought to the
Civic Engagement Office @ 236 S.
River Street (behind the SUB)

WILKES UNIVERSITY READING BUDDIES

The America Reads Study Buddy Program

- Offered weekly at Heights Elementary and the YMCA
- 1:1 to small group elementary tutoring with a college student
- Tutors are recruited and professionally trained as mentors
- Focus on enriching primary level reading skills
- Supervised under an official AmeriCorps VISTA, Monica Morrison
- FREE tutoring; Students received federal work study funding

1 in 4

Children in America
grow up without
learning
how to read.
Literacy Project, 2019

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AR Tutors support children:



Academically Socially

<https://literacyproj.org/2019/02/14/30-key-child-literacy-stats-parents-need-to-be-aware-of/>

Wilkes University Reading Buddies

Enriching youth literacy one day at a time.

*Find us at the Wilkes Barre YMCA on Mondays from 4:00 to
5:30 and Heights Elementary School from 4:45 to 5:15 each
week!*