Key Highlights

General Facts:

• The fourth largest university in the Philadelphia region.
• Fall 2013 headcount enrollment was 15,845, with 13,711 undergraduate students and 2,134 graduate students.
• For fall of 2013, WCU received 14,600 applications for the first-year class of 2,298.
Key Highlights

Accolades:
• U.S. News and World Report ranks WCU as one of the top regional universities in the north.
• WCU is one of only three Pennsylvania schools ranked in the top 100 Kiplinger “best buys” in American public higher education.
• WCU has been named a “Military Friendly School by Victory Media, publisher of GI Jobs magazine.
• WCU is one of just six U.S. institutions without a medical school to offer accredited continuing education programs for physicians.
• WCU’s business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; this accreditation is held by only about 25% of the business schools in the U.S.
Key Highlights

Partnerships with Business:
• Partnered with Microsoft to develop a Demonstration and Application Center, which conducts hardware and software research, evaluation, and training.

Partnerships with and Service to the Community
• Developing a Center for Community Solutions that will provide a single point of contact for external stakeholders seeking University expertise and assistance.
• Borough and University Officials Group and the Community Campus Coalition (CCC).
• Participated on the Borough’s Stormwater Advisory Committee.
• **Partnerships with and Service to the Community (continued)**

• Participating in a collaborative effort with the Borough and West Goshen Township to address traffic problems on Rosedale Avenue.

• Over 600,000 hours of student volunteer work in our communities.

• Last winter after the ice storm, WCU’s Sturzebecker Health Sciences Center served as an emergency shelter for community members without electricity.

• “Pack it up, Pass it on” initiative.

• Through the WCU Foundation, funding provided for a security patrol.
Key Highlights

Athletics:

• Three NCAA Division II national championships in recent years.
• Two national championships in club sports.
• Last year, WCU’s football team was one of the best in the nation, reaching the semi-finals of the national championship.
Key Highlights

Green Technology:
- Ambitious geothermal conversion project.
- Design of buildings to meet LEED standards.

Cultural Affairs:
- *WCU Live* series presents the best of touring international artist in performances, including dance, music, and theatre.
- The Philips Lecture series brings nationally-known speakers to campus, including recent presentations by Bob Woodward and Cokie Roberts.
Project Status Updates
University Alumni House

- 3,400 gsf 83 year-old residential structure located adjacent to Messikomer Hall and Sykes Union.
- Possible use for Admissions office expansion.
Completed Projects

South New Street Parking Structure

- 3 ½ story facility / 452 spaces
- Enviro-Design/Green wall

Completed: Fall 2013
Completed Projects

South Campus Village Expansion

South Campus Village Club House
Completed Projects

Frederick Douglass Statue/Clifford DiBaptiste Plaza

Rockwell Artificial Turf Field (South Campus)
Campus wide Geothermal System

2013/2014:

- 90 new geothermal wells in Sykes (K) Lot
- Geothermal pipeline from North Campus Drive to Church Street
- Geothermal conversion in Recitation Hall
Campus wide
Geothermal System

Hollinger Fieldhouse
HVAC Upgrade
✓ Geothermal air conditioning and heating

Boiler Plant Decommission
✓ Significant reductions in emissions & CO2
✓ Eventual demolition of boiler plant
✓ Drill 308 wells in Sykes parking lot
  • 188 wells summer 2014 through spring 2015;
  • 120 wells summer/winter 2015 – 2016
Projects Under Construction

Commonwealth Hall

- 649 bed eight Story Residence Hall
- New Health & Wellness Center
- Opening Fall 2014
Projects Under Construction

- Languages & Culture
- International Programs
- English as a Second Language (ESL)

Renovation of Mitchell Hall
Targeted opening: January 2015
Projects Under Construction

Academic Quad Upgrade

Establish a campus “Great Lawn”

Targeted completion: Fall 2014
Projects Under Construction

Business and Public Affairs Center
Targeted Opening: September 2016
New 10,000 gsf facility on site of Swope House for Offices for the Vice President of Advancement, Cultural Affairs, Conference Services, Public Relations, Social Equity, and Sponsored Research. 

Targeted occupancy 2016
Projects under Design

New Dining Facility

Targeted completion 2017/2018
Academic Facility/
Expansion to Public Safety Facility

Targeted time frame:
2016 – 2018
Planning Initiatives
South Campus

Satellite Building and/or Addition

Renovation to Sturzbecker Health Sciences Center

Targeted time frame: 2016 – 2020
Planning Initiatives
South Campus

Athletic Training Facility

- 4 COURTS
- 8-LANE 200 METER TRACK
- 10' SPRINT LANES
- 92,000 SF
- 200 METER TRACK
- 5 COURTS AND GYMNASTICS

Targeted time frame: 2016 – 2020
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