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The future is always changing — from technology and science to marketing and the study of law. But whatever the world looks like when you graduate, at WNE, we will make sure you are ready for it. We will teach you how to learn, unlearn, and relearn concepts as information evolves. This innovative and flexible model of thinking will not only be valued by your future employees, but essential to any industry you choose to enter — including those that don't yet exist.

Your WNE experience will give you a solid foundation in what we know about the world today while coaching you to shift gears and look ahead to new discoveries. At the Kevin S. and Sandra E. Delbridge Career Center, you'll meet with your Career Coach throughout your entire career planning and preparation process — from industry exploration to resume workshops, mock interviews, and beyond.



in S. and Sandra E. Delbridge **CAREER CENTER**



Nick Massa '13

GLOBAL SUPPLY MANAGER
SpaceX
Hawthorne, California

While Nick Massa '13 is reaching for the stars working for SpaceX as part of a classified project involving government satellites and communication, he got his start on the ground and in the classroom at WNE, where he honed the critical thinking and communication skills that would inform his innovative and collaborative mindset, as well as his determination to continuously provide value.



The Future of Work is Meaningful Careers

98% of WNE's Class of 2021 started graduate school or accepted a job within 6 months of graduation.



“I was the person who would sit in the front of the class and offer my opinions during discussions with my professors and classmates,” Nick said. “I learned that discourse is how we get to the source of the truth—the best ideas win out based on the case that you make. I used to meet my favorite professor outside of class to discuss ideas because he created an environment where different opinions were celebrated. I truly believe that is what set me up for success.”

Delbridge Career Center: Start Charting Your Course

When you arrive on our campus, you won’t just be studying to earn a degree—you will also learn how to make both a living and a life beyond our campus.

As you pursue your education at WNE, you will simultaneously explore career options that match both your interests and your talents. The Kevin S. and Sandra E. Delbridge Career Center will work with you starting on your first day of your first year on campus, up to graduation and beyond, to help you discover career paths, strategize the goals you need to meet, and chart your course to getting your dream job.

Because career planning is personal and unique to each student, you’ll have your own Career Counselor, who will not only get to know you and what you hope to achieve but will also help you form your game plan.

Your Career Counselor will help you:

- Explore exciting majors, industries, and careers relevant to your goals
- Prepare compelling career-related documents, such as résumés and cover letters
- Perfect your interviewing and networking skills to help you make a good first impression
- Identify and prepare for part-time job or internship opportunities
- Strategize your job search and identify important resources
- Plan for application and entry into graduate and/or professional school

The Delbridge Career Center will also bring potential employers to you through on-campus career fairs, recruitment activities, and boot camps.

Engage with the Delbridge Career Center starting in your first year through:

First Year Seminar Outreach—Career Counselors visit First Year Seminar courses and bring with them interactive activities that teach first-year students how to start on their self-exploration journey.

Sophomore Career Connections—Sophomore students are connected with WNE alumni that are working in a field related to the student. Participants also attend a series of workshops designed to help them build skills that will prepare them for the working world.

Career Fast Tracks Program—This program sets students up to stay on track with their career goals, whether they are at those crucial first steps or ready to take on the job market.

Interactive Career Readiness Workshops—Held throughout the year, workshops focus on specific career topics that will help you get to the next level.

Creative Writing graduate Nicole Acevedo used her well-rounded liberal arts education to launch her editorial and social media career. She also pursued cocurricular activities to help her build a broad portfolio that would impress her future employers.

Nicole served as Assistant Editor of *The Westerner*, WNE's student-run newspaper; was recognized for her outstanding poetry at the University's BOLD Media Festival; and even created radio reports for the Advanced Radio Reporting class, which later aired on WAMC Northeast Public Radio.

After graduation, Nicole immediately got to work as the Communications and Social Media Manager for Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

Your Future is in YOUR Hands

At WNE, we combine the best of classroom instruction with plenty of hands-on experience for you to test your skills, learn by doing, and discover your strengths. You'll take concepts learned in the classroom and apply them in professional settings, so that your learning is tangible and grounded in the real world.

So, what does this look like?

In many cases, it's up to you! Your interests and talents will help you decide how to pursue your goals in a meaningful way. We'll help you identify opportunities both on- and off-campus and develop them into valuable experiences.

- Intern at your favorite company in the Springfield region or close to home
- Team up with a local company to solve a real-world problem through a capstone project
- Pursue research with your professors that improves the quality of life of individuals around the world
- Present projects and research at regional and national competitions and academic conferences
- Study abroad and work with international organizations
- Explore classroom projects that contribute to a professional portfolio to share with future employers
- Participate in cocurricular activities that build leadership, planning, and execution skills

These are just a few of the ways you can start to build your career through hands-on experiences. Keep in mind, you won't be doing it all alone. From our comprehensive advising program to involved faculty and caring staff, there will always be someone guiding you every step of the way.

The possibilities are endless—what will you discover here?

Nicole Acevedo '22

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER
Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA**

"WNE has given me countless opportunities to grow over the last four years, inside and out of the classroom," said Nicole.

"Without the unwavering support of my professors, I wouldn't be the person or the writer that I am today.

"The faculty have made me feel valued and seen. As I move into the next phase of my life, I know that everything I have learned here at WNE has set me up to be the most successful version of myself."





The Future of Work is Unique Experiences

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, WNE spends a higher than average amount of money on both classroom experience and cocurricular support services than most of our regional peers.

The Future of Work is Purpose-Driven

The culture at WNE is one of care and concern—whether you are immersed in your studies, working in the community, or getting involved on campus, you'll discover what values mean the most to you, and how you can use your skills to do the most good and make a difference.



Aditya Shah

BUSINESS ANALYTICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Junior

Springfield, MA

The world of business and finance is evolving at a superhuman pace, and Aditya Shah wants to stay ahead of those changes.

Long intrigued by big data and analytics, as well as math and statistics, a major in Business Analytics and Information Management initially seemed like a natural fit. However, as Aditya progressed in his studies, he decided to encompass even more of his interests.

“I bought my first stock when I was 15 years old,” he said. “Since then, I’ve been an avid investor; I’ve been a trader for almost five years now. I also manage some of my family’s money.”

Aditya added a second major in Finance and a minor in Accounting, aiming for a career in equity research for investment banking or a hedge fund. His career goals, and what he needs to study to achieve them, are clear examples of the ever-changing future of work.

“There’s so much data being produced every second, and it influences everything,” he said, noting that WNE’s Investment Club recently hosted a panel discussion featuring representatives of Capstone Investment Advisors and JPMorgan Chase. “We talked a lot about computer science and the importance of coding in finance careers now. I’ve known for a long time that it is becoming an increasingly desired skill for a lot of finance employers, but talking with them really opened my eyes about it.”

Cryptocurrency, for example, highlights the intersection between finance and technology, or ‘fintech.’ Ahead of the curve, Aditya has been investing in it since 2019, often working with his finance professors outside of his regular studies to learn more.

“Everything is becoming digitized—that’s where I think a lot of the business world is heading,” he added. “Things are moving so fast, and the only way to keep up is with technology.”

Find Your “Why”

Our curriculum meets the moment by not only giving you the foundational information you need, but also by providing you with avenues to discover and explore your passions, so you can learn more about your abilities and where they can take you!

Your college experience is a journey—one where you will meet different people, try new things, and learn more about yourself and the world around you than you ever thought possible.

Our Golden Bears follow their dreams, but those passions come with a purpose. We task our students with learning WHY they want to pursue certain careers, and how they hope to impact society along the way.

It seems like an intimidating question, but as our students grow and evolve, their answers become more developed and certain. The end result? Our graduates know who they are, the value they bring to the table, and what they can do to leave the world better than they found it.

That is the Golden Bear spirit.

Carly Schneider

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Senior

Fishkill, NY

Senior Carly Schneider was awarded a Brooke Owens Fellowship, a paid internship and executive mentorship program for exceptional undergraduate women and gender-minority students in Aerospace.





“Receiving this recognition made me feel so proud of myself and all of the work I have put into my school career up until this point,” said Carly. “Everything I am learning in the classroom now can (and will) be applied through this Fellowship, and I am so excited to see what that looks like in practice.”

Selected for her talent, experience, commitment to service, and creativity, Carly will work at Relativity Space in Long Beach, CA, while also benefiting from industry workshops, professional mentorship, and a vast network provided by the fellowship.

Powerful Preparation in Action

Here’s how our Golden Bears can make the most of the opportunities that WNE provides.

100 Hours

Through the curriculum, College of Business students have at least 100 hours of connection with real businesses in their chosen industry by the time they graduate.

Dive Into Faculty-sponsored Research

Our students work with their faculty members on research areas of interest and report their findings in journals and textbooks and at conferences.

Two Degrees in Psychology

WNE has one of best undergraduate Psychology programs in the Northeast, where students can earn either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, depending on their long-term goals.

Immerse Yourself in Our School of Law

Undergraduate students can get involved through our School of Law right away through opportunities like the 3+3 Law program, special guest speakers and events, and the Center for Social Justice.

Over 90%

The North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) pass rate of WNE’s Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2021—among the highest pass rates in the state.

100% Internship Placement for College of Engineering Students

For the last 30 years, the College of Engineering has held a nearly 100% job placement rate by graduation.

\$71,500

Average starting salary of WNE Engineering graduates.

More Than 45,000

Living alumni who make up the Golden Bear Network—which connects graduates and students for networking and opportunities.

Most-recruited

Ranked #1 for private institutions and #2 overall for most-recruited Accounting students with the Big 4 Accounting firms in Hartford, CT.

Is WNE going to be part of your future?

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