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# Winona State University Faculty & Staff Welcome Week

## August 18-22, 2025

### Monday, August 18, 2025

**8:15 am – 12:00 pm** Leadership Workshop – *by invitation*  
Kryzsko Commons Ballroom

**8:00 am – 11:30 am** New Faculty Orientation (Day 2) – *by invitation*  
Kryzsko Commons Solarium

Information for new fixed term and probationary faculty.

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm** WSU Employee Appreciation Luncheon – Bring your WSU ID card!  
Jack Kane Dining Center  
*All faculty and staff are welcome.*

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm** All University Faculty and Staff Welcome  
Harriet Johnson Auditorium, Somsen

President Kenneth Janz Keynote Address and Introduction of New Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

*All faculty and staff are welcome.*

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm** College Meetings:  
College of Business – Somsen 321  
College of Education – Cathedral 016 (Auditorium)  
College of Liberal Arts – Performing Arts Center Recital Hall  
College of Nursing & Health Sciences – Stark 103  
College of Science & Engineering – Science Lab Center 120

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

**9:00 am – 10:00 am School of Graduate Studies Meeting  
Maxwell 257 and Zoom**

*All faculty and staff are welcome.*

**10:00 am – 11:00 am Chair Panel  
Kryzsko Solarium (KC 228)**

Panelists: Ann-Marie Dunbar, Cyndy Jones, Chris Malone, Ray Martinez, Ryan White

Join a panel of seasoned department chairs as they share practical advice, insights, and lessons learned from their time in the role. Panelists will discuss how they've navigated common challenges, built strong and effective relationships, and balanced the demands of leadership with faculty responsibilities. Whether you're a new chair stepping into the role or a current chair seeking fresh strategies, this session offers valuable perspectives and thoughtful discussion to help you strengthen your leadership approach.

**Who Should Attend:** New and experienced department chairs, as well as any faculty curious about the role of a department chair.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm Faculty Syllabus Workshop  
Maxwell 158**

Want to brush up on best practices for syllabi? Wondering how to include a statement about AI use in your classes? This session will provide numerous resources for faculty as they design syllabi, including ways to include Program Learning Outcomes and GEP outcomes, along with model policies from a wide range of experts.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Library Lunch! for New Faculty, Staff, and Administration  
Darrell W. Krueger Library**

Join us for an informal lunch and a brief introduction to the library services, resources, and personnel.

**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm New Faculty Meeting with Faculty Association Coffee Hour  
Darrell W. Krueger Library**

Introduction to the Faculty Association. Light Snack/Refreshments provided.

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Wednesday, August 20, 2025

**9:30 am – 10:30 am University Wide Lecture: “Building Hope Circuits in Unprecedented Times: Hope and Higher Education” with Speaker Jessica Riddell  
Vivian R. Fusillo Main Stage Theatre, Performing Arts Center**

Universities are anchors of hope in our communities. We need hope now more than ever as we grapple with unprecedented pressures – from climate crisis to geo-political instability, political polarization and a myriad of other crises. Hope is not merely a stance: it is a mindset we can build and then deploy in our communities and institutions. As members of the academy, we are wired for hope – to teach it, to share it, and to imagine a better future. Universities are complex organizational systems with robust social missions to the broader society. And yet they are also slow to change and reluctant to innovate. We must re-wire systems with hope circuits to better fulfill our mandate at a time where human and biotic flourishing are endangered. Focusing specifically on the areas of learning, teaching, and leadership, this talk will outline ten conceptual tools that help us all build hopeful systems for human flourishing individually and in community with one another.

*All faculty and staff are welcome.*

**10:30 am – 11:30 am WSU Employee Resource Fair  
Kryzsko Solarium**

Learn about departments across campus and the services they provide while meeting and reconnecting with fellow members of the Warrior Community. New hires and faculty department chairs are strongly encouraged to attend.

*All faculty and staff are welcome.*

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm WSU-Rochester Faculty & Staff Meeting  
RCTC Science and Technology Building 110, Rochester**  
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Thursday, August 21, 2025

Move-In Day!

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm First Year, Transfer, International and PSEO Registration & Final Advising**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am Community Engagement Coffee Hour  
LACE Committee, Science Lab Atrium**

**10:00 am – 11:00 am Faculty-led Study Away Programs (FLPS)  
Business Engagement Center, Somsen 108**

Teach Around the World: Beginners to Seasoned Pros  
Curious about developing a faculty-led study abroad program? Leading one in the upcoming year? Join us to learn more about what's involved and hear tips and stories from experienced program leaders.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm Teaching, Learning, and Technology (TLT)  
Maxwell 160 / ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))**

Whether you are teaching for the first time, or are a seasoned educator, there is always something to learn. We would like you to join us to learn about the Teaching, Learning, and Technology (TLT) team at WSU and the resources and services TLT provides. TLT can support you with D2L Brightspace, learning technologies, Zoom, classroom support, and pedagogy practice. We will showcase the WSU Faculty Teaching Resources site as well. Refreshments will be served.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm New Probationary and Fixed Term Intro to PDP/PDRs  
Pasteur 133**

Presentation by the WSU Faculty Association representatives and the College Deans about PDPs and PDRs.

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Bridging Higher Ed and Industry – Micro-Credentials, Workforce Development & Partnership Opportunities  
Business Engagement Center, Somsen 108**

Hosted by Adult & Continuing Education (ACE), this moderated panel will feature local workforce leaders exploring how employers are adapting to current workforce challenges, how short-form learning (like micro-credentials) is shaping hiring and advancement, and how we can build stronger partnerships between industry and higher education.

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**Friday, August 22, 2025**

- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**     **Department Meetings/Interdisciplinary Meetings**  
**Locations to be announced.**
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am** **Graduate Assistant & Supervisor Orientation**  
**Maxwell 158**
- 10:50 am**                **Faculty and Staff Applause Tunnel Outside of McCown**  
***All faculty and staff are welcome.***
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm** **All-University New Student Welcome**  
**McCown Gymnasium**  
***All faculty and staff are welcome.***
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**   **All-University Welcome Lunch**  
**Outside the Library (Rain location: Kryzsko Commons)**  
***All faculty and staff are welcome.***
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**     **TLT (Teaching, Learning, and Technology) Open House!**  
**Library 110 / ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))**

**NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Check the website for the most current version:**  
**<https://www.winona.edu/faculty-staff/#calendars>**

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