

## STUDENT NAME CHANGE

In support of Wilkes University's commitment to provide an equitable and safe experience for students whose birth name and/or legal name does not reflect their gender identity or expression, Wilkes accepts requests from such students to use a chosen first and/or middle name on certain University records. A student's chosen name will be used where feasible in all University systems.

To start the process of requesting a name and/or gender marker change, visit the Registrar's Office (or website) or the Title IX Office (or website) to obtain the Name Change Request Form.

For questions or to discuss the process, students may contact:

**Susan A. Hritzak**  
Registrar  
susan.hritzak@wilkes.edu  
570-408-4859

## HOUSING

Wilkes University's housing application invites students to include a chosen name and how they identify. Additionally, transgender students will have the option to take an active role in choosing an appropriate on-campus housing assignment that corresponds with their gender identity. Wilkes has a wide variety of housing options and can also offer a single room to any student who wishes to have more privacy. Residence Life will make every effort to provide the most appropriate on-campus housing assignment for every student.

For questions or to discuss housing assignments, please contact:

**Nicole Langan, Ed.D.**  
Director of Residence Life  
nicole.langan@wilkes.edu  
570-408-4354

## NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Wilkes University is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all members of our community and to ensuring that all educational and employment decisions are based on individuals' abilities and qualifications.

Wilkes University prohibits discrimination in its educational programs, employment, admissions or any activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, pregnancy, gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, marital or family status, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local laws.

Discriminatory conduct including sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct or violence such as rape, sexual assault, sexual exploitation and coercion will not be tolerated.

Consistent with this principle, Wilkes University will comply with state and federal laws such as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act or other applicable state law, Title IX, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Ethnic Intimidation Act of 1982 (P.L. 537-154) and other laws that prohibit discrimination.

Any member of the Wilkes University community has the right to raise concerns or make a complaint regarding discrimination under this policy without fear of retaliation. Inquiries about this policy statement may be addressed to the University's Title IX Coordinator.

84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Title IX Coordinator  
elizabeth.leo@wilkes.edu

570-408-7788

Wilkes University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit [www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination](http://www.wilkes.edu/nondiscrimination).

Wilkes University aims to create a safe, inclusive environment for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression. Accordingly, Wilkes offers support, educational resources, and advocacy for the members of our LGBTQIAP+ community.

## ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

### SAFE SPACE

[safespace@wilkes.edu](mailto:safespace@wilkes.edu)  
[wilkes.edu/safespace](http://wilkes.edu/safespace)

The Safe Space program provides education on concerns, support, terminology, and resources for the LGBTQIAP+ community. The

visibility of the safe space sticker allows the campus community to identify supportive faculty, staff, and students who have been through the Safe Space program, which allows students on campus to know that they can speak freely with these individuals about LGBTQIAP+ issues. It also creates a network of Allies to advocate for LGBTQIAP+ inclusion and equity.

### OFFICE OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

[wilkes.edu/safespace](http://wilkes.edu/safespace)

You can visit Erica Acosta, the Director of Diversity Initiatives (corner of South Street and Franklin Street) or call 570-408-7856 to schedule an appointment.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES CENTER

[wilkes.edu/HealthAndWellnessServices](http://wilkes.edu/HealthAndWellnessServices)

You can visit the staff in the Health and Wellness Office (first floor Passan Hall) or call 570-408-4730 to schedule an appointment.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

[wilkes.edu/CounselingServices](http://wilkes.edu/CounselingServices)

You can visit the office (second floor Passan Hall) or call 570-408-4100 to make an appointment.

### WILKES UNIVERSITY GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

The Wilkes GSA is a student club that offers support, advocacy, social activities, and public outreach on behalf of LGBTQ+

students. Contact the faculty advisor for more information at:

Dr. Helen Davis  
[helen.davis@wilkes.edu](mailto:helen.davis@wilkes.edu)  
570-408-4548

## OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES (LOCAL)

### RAINBOW ALLIANCE

[neparainbowalliance.org](http://neparainbowalliance.org)  
[facebook.com/neparainbow](https://facebook.com/neparainbow)

### QUEER NEPA

[facebook.com/queernepa](https://facebook.com/queernepa)

### PA YOUTH CONGRESS

[payoutcongress.org](http://payoutcongress.org)

### BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

[bradburysullivancenter.org](http://bradburysullivancenter.org)

### CARING COMMUNITIES

[www.caringpa.org/wilkes-barre](http://www.caringpa.org/wilkes-barre)

## OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES (NATIONAL)

### NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

[transequality.org](http://transequality.org)

### TRANS CRISIS HOTLINE

[transcatholics.org](http://transcatholics.org), [bpA-LGBTJOURNALS.org](http://bpA-LGBTJOURNALS.org)

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