As you may know, last year we began a program for students entitled GROW – Great Resources On Wednesdays! The GROW program is designed to introduce students to many of the resources available on campus and in the Danbury area, while also providing them with information that will help to make their experiences at WCSU richer while making them more successful. The programs are held (obviously) on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm throughout the semester. Each week, the location shifts to a different hall so that we can reach some new folks. And now, here’s where student can do is become involved in activities and organizations on campus. I’d like to start off our GROW program this year with you – students and administra-tors who can speak to what it means to get involved on campus. And, if you can identify another few students you think might be able to participate, all the better! Here are the details:

For Commuter Students TOO!

A small group of students meet at other times to work on Self-Regulated Learning. Anyone interested can contact Dr. Wilson (wilsonm@wcsu.edu) or Ayanna Bledsoe (bledsoea@wcsu.edu) for more information.

You come in!

One of the most important things a new student can do is become involved in activities and organizations on campus.
Haas Library: Welcome Aboard

I hope this column will help you navigate the complex waters of our information rich academic ocean.

Access is critical if are going begin to find the basic information that you will need. WCSU has a dynamic network that helps us provide you a virtual library 24/7/365. Before you can use campus computers you’ll need to set up access in either one of the computer labs. You will learn what your University ID number is, and you’ll be assigned a one-time password, to be changed when logging on for the first time.

If you are off campus you can look at CONSULS, our book catalog, without any login or password. If you know your university ID number and create a library Personal Information Number or PIN, you’ll be able to request books from any of the CSU libraries, and have titles sent here in about 3 days. This access provides you with choices from library collection of more than two million books.

If you are off campus the same two pieces of information, your ID # and library PIN also let you access millions of full text articles from newspapers, magazines, and journals. The best way to navigate these enormous compilations of information is by becoming familiar with the techniques of searching the most appropriate subject databases, initially using keyword search processes. This method will yield high quality focused results. To make your efforts most efficient, my strongest suggestion is to visit with a librarian at either Haas Library or Young Library, or via email, or IM, or phone. We have the experience to show you where to look using subject knowledge, and expertise along with techniques to provide you with key information on how to locate lots of resources. We provide very high quality search support services to help you directly tie to your search results to course assigned papers, or other assigned research.

In addition, your professors may place assigned required readings on reserve in the library, or accessed via ERes, our Electronic Reserves. To get in-library material you’ll need to tell us either your professor’s name, or the course number. To access ERes, you’ll find a link on the library web home page, locate your ERes course page, and use the password provided by your professor to log in.

It never ceases to amaze me how this set of directions, along with some quality time with a librarian can help you establish a working knowledge strategy. The combination creates a powerful set of tools that can be applied to a wide variety of projects that require information sources. If you can get to what you need efficiently, you can devote more of your effort to reading, understanding, synthesizing, and writing about what you are interested in.

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November is Career Development Month!

ELECT to attend our special week of career development activities!

→ MONDAY, NOV. 2 12 Noon – Career Decision-Making Seminar, Student Center 226 (Midtown) Video Game Developer? Environmental Lawyer? Entrepreneur? Not sure what career is right for you? How does your major fit in with career options? Come and learn successful strategies to help you explore career options and start your career planning. (refreshments served)

→ TUESDAY, NOV. 3 1 – 2 p.m. – From Study Abroad To Career Abroad: A College Student’s Guide To Gaining International Experience (Webinar), Warner Hall 102 Come hear national career expert Donald Asher (live via web) on the value of international experience (study abroad and work abroad) and learn tips on how to market yourself on your resume and in employer interviews. (refreshments served)

→ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4 7 p.m. – Speed Networking, Westside Campus Center Ballroom Do You Feel The Need For Speed? As college students you need to build important professional and personal connections quickly with your busy schedules. This event will provide the opportunity to practice networking skills with alumni and professionals in a fast-paced environment. (refreshments served) Pre-registration required in the Career Development Center, SC 227 by Oct. 28.

→ CDC Drop-In Hours 9 – 11 a.m. – Career Development Center, Student Center 227 (Midtown) Drop-in with quick questions about careers, have your resume critiqued, or find out more about Career Development Center programs and services.

→ THURSDAY, NOV. 5 CDC Drop-In Hours 1 – 3 p.m. – Career Development Center, Student Center 227 (Midtown) Drop-in with quick questions about careers, have your resume critiqued, or find out more about Career Development Center programs and services.

For further information, contact the Career Development Center: by

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Mo – Th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Midtown Coffeehouse
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Midtown Food Court
Lower Level, Student Center
Mo – Th 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Daily Grind
Westside Campus Center
Sunday 6 – 11p.m.
Mo - Th 3 – 11 p.m.
Closed Fridays and Saturdays

Game Room
Second Floor, Student Center
Mo – Th 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fridays 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Commuter Lounge
Second Floor, Student Center
Normal Building Hours

All times are subject to change.