

## Programs and Workshops

The Office for Inclusive Excellence provides quality programs and events that are designed to enhance the collegiate experience of students and educate the campus community. All of our programs assist with the retention of a diverse student body, and promote diversity awareness and outreach among the campus community.

## Safe Spaces

There are several physical spaces associated with OIE that are designated safe spaces where students can socialize, work, learn and gather together to communicate shared experiences. These safe spaces are located in The Suite, on the second floor of the Smith Student Center and include the Pride Center, Veterans Center, Women's Center, Multicultural Lounge and the Multicultural Student Organization Office.



## Our Goal

To practice inclusive excellence so that it is implemented and accomplished consistently throughout the institution.

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# Slippery Rock University Office For Inclusive Excellence



## Office for Inclusive Excellence

The Office for Inclusive Excellence (OIE) serves as an impetus for positive interactions with all cultures while providing academic and social support through diverse learning opportunities.

OIE is established in an understanding of diversity that welcomes people of all abilities, ages, ethnicities, genders, nationalities, races, religions, spiritual traditions, socioeconomic classes and sexual orientations. OIE offers education and support to all students on campus and consists of student transition programs, multicultural development, the Pride Center, Veterans Center, and the VWomen's Center.

### Jump Start

The Jump Start Transition Program is a year-long peer mentor-based program that serves all students with special emphasis on individuals from underserved populations to assist with their academic and social transition to college. There are many reasons to consider joining Jump Start but here are a few of the resources that students identify as being most helpful in their first year:

- Connect with peers and develop friendships
- Get adjusted to college life before the first day of classes
- Meet faculty and staff members across campus
- Receive support from peers, graduate assistants, and Office for Inclusive Excellence staff throughout the year

## Multicultural Development

Multicultural Development collaborates with stakeholders across campus to plan events for the various heritage months celebrated throughout the year. It coordinates the Black Male Initiative and Diversity Dialogue programs, and supports several student organizations that are related to multicultural themes and identities. Some of these organizations include:

- American Sign Language Club
- Black Action Society
- Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
- First Nations
- Kings
- Queens
- RockOUT
- Student Organization of Latinos/Hispanics and Allies
- Student Veterans of America
- TRANSaction

Anyone interested in learning about and/or participating in these groups is welcome!

### Pride Center

The Pride Center is a space that encourages empowerment, awareness and education about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The Pride Center is a Safe Zone open to all students, that supports and affirms the diverse identities and lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer questioning people by cultivating a welcoming non-judgmental environment.

## Veterans Center

The Veterans Center plays a primary role in serving SRU's growing community of veterans and military connected students. It provides student veterans, military affiliated students, and ROTC cadets a place to relax, and share information and experiences.

### Womens Center

The central mission of the Women's Center is to create and sustain an environment in which women, men, and non binary individuals can live, learn, and work together in equality, understanding, and mutual respect. The Center creates opportunities for femme voices to be heard, and encourages discussion and dialogue about sexism, feminism, gender violence, and women's contributions to society.

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