

Alexse LaGuerre '25

BS in Management Information Systems

Why did you choose to study at WPI?

Upon attending a college fair, I was quickly drawn to the WPI table. When I learned about how the student body is actively engaged in campus activities (such as the gigantic tug-of-war), how diverse the student clubs, staff, and class topics are, as well as the approach to the material, I could instantly envision myself thriving within WPI. At WPI, I furthered my connections and built upon the school's unique project-based education.

How are you involved with the WPI community?

Over the past year, I became the technical outreach and <u>community</u> help chair for the <u>National Society of Black Engineers</u> (NSBE). Additionally, when the organization needed someone to step up, I took on the role of the pre-collegiate initiatives chair. In my roles, I tied the organization to the greater Worcester community – creating service opportunities for the NSBE chapter and long-term partnerships.

Community is important to me. Fostering a safe and supportive community is evident in my work with professors, Interim President Wole Soboyejo, and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education (ODIME) to research the Black Experience at WPI. This has brought about impactful long-term change to the community. My focus on community

Mentor/Advisor

- Jean King
- Debora Jackson
- <u>Lakeya Almeida</u>
- Adrienne Hall-Phillips

Achievements

- Researched the Black Experience at WPI to create community change
- First Year of the Year Award

Interests

- Community service (such as The Salvation Army)
- Writing, art, or anything else creative
- Photography: shooting & editing

Campus Activities

- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), technical outreach and community help chair and pre-collegiate initiatives chair
- Residential advisor
- Mental Health Implementation Team's Student Life Committee, student advocate/undergraduate

building is also evident in my roles as a residential advisor, a student advocate and undergraduate representative for the Mental Health Implementation Team's Student Life Committee, and an office assistant for the Office of Financial Aid.

What's your favorite thing about WPI?

If you are interested in anything, you can either learn more or create a club for it!

Do you have a faculty or staff mentor?

As a first-generation college student, all the help and support are greatly appreciated, but where to go for help and who to talk to can be a bit harder to find. So, Dean King, Dean Jackson, Dr. Hall-Philips, and Lakeya Almeida have greatly contributed to my success, understanding, support, and community.

How has WPI's project-based learning influenced your education?

Project-based learning at WPI influenced my education with how creative I can be with managing time for myself and my classes. I can also take risks in my classes and try out different majors to see what I want to do long term. Trial & error always!

representative

Office of Financial Aid, office assistant



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Take time for myself to start the day: meditate, journal, pray, workout, and drink water. I take time to study and prepare work for the day or week. I arrive at the Bartlett
Center for my shift with
the Office of Student Aid.
This work includes
greeting students,
answering calls, and
escorting students to
their appointments.

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