

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SEEKS APPLICATIONS &  
NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE



**WASHBURN**  
UNIVERSITY

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Washburn University seeks a student-centered, collaborative and innovative leader to join its campus and serve its students and community as its next Vice President of Student Life.

Located in Topeka, Kansas, Washburn University was founded in 1865 and educates 8,000 students enrolled in more than 200 academic programs. With approximately 1,100 highly committed faculty and staff, Washburn matriculates' students through certification, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate programs that have a meaningful and lasting impact on its graduates, as well as the region and beyond. Its programs are offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, Washburn Institute of Technology, the Schools of Applied Studies, Business, Law and Nursing on a 160-acre traditional residential campus, three technical education campus locations and through distance learning. As a public, municipal, open-access institution, Washburn is proud to offer an affordable, quality education that helps all types of students improve their quality of life while having a positive impact on society.

In 2008, the Washburn University Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech) joined Washburn University and is a key part of the Washburn family. Washburn Tech is a nationally recognized innovator in career and technical education. This unique affiliation with Washburn University gives students the opportunity to start with technical certificates and associate degrees and continue to advanced degrees while preparing for today's careers.

Washburn University has experienced enrollment growth in the last three years, welcoming the largest incoming freshman class in its 160-year history for fall 2024. The majority (88%) of students are from Kansas, with over half (58%) from Shawnee County, our home county. Washburn has increased the college-going rate in Topeka/Shawnee County. Washburn Tech had its highest enrollment in history with over 1,500 students in Fall 2025 and Washburn Law welcomed its highest credentialed first year class in its 103-year history.

## PRESIDENT JULIANN MAZACHEK

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Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek is a student-centered educator who is energized by the opportunity to make a significant difference for others and for the future. Her commitment to success starts with students and expands to faculty and staff by investing in professional development and maximizing an individual's gifts. She is an inclusive leader who values collaboration as well as the opportunity to have courageous conversations. She is entrepreneurial and innovative with a focus on action that builds a bright future for our students and the community we serve. She uses data and analytics to support decisions and strategic directions. She is an accountant by training and applies that knowledge to be a careful steward of human, financial, and physical resources.

Her long career in education provides a wide background of experience from the president's office and academic affairs to foundation leadership and serving as dean of School of Business. First and foremost, she treasures her time in the classroom, especially watching *lightbulb moments* when students move beyond learning to understanding.

Washburn is moving forward boldly with a vision that creates a premier learning experience for all students – a university of the future. A vision that includes initiatives to continue to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty and staff who are devoted to serving students – in 2024, Washburn was named a Great College to Work For® program. Washburn's Strategic Framework: *Thriving Together* outlines the following campus priorities—Expand Learner Success Opportunities and Pathways; Enhance our Environment to Learn, Work & Thrive; and Accelerate Collaborative Partnerships to Grow the Community.

A new higher education landscape is emerging with many opportunities. Washburn is poised to not only be part of the change but to be a leading institution in the discovery of new and innovative educational approaches and programs that best serve students and lead to the very best success outcomes possible.

The Vice President for Student Life (VPSL) serves as the chief student affairs officer for all of Washburn's campuses – Washburn University and Washburn Tech - providing strategic leadership, vision, and innovation in student life. Reporting directly to the president and serving as a key member of the executive leadership team, the incumbent will lead the execution of the Washburn's student life strategy primarily focusing on enriching the student experience, fostering a supportive campus community, and promoting the success of all students.

The VPSL has a broad and deep understanding of national trends and best practices regarding student affairs as well as an exemplary record of strong organizational and team development skills. The VPSL is an experienced, decisive leader capable of managing complex situations, assessing and mitigating risks, and has an unwavering commitment to serving students and the campus community. The VPSL builds shared vision, inspires teamwork and collaboration, and promotes positive student relations, develops strong interpersonal communications with student governance, and serves as a strong advocate for all students' success. The VPSL works collaboratively with various stakeholders including students, faculty, staff and external partners, to develop and implement programs, services, and policies to meet the diverse needs of Washburn's diverse student population.

The VPSL is a proactive, results-oriented leader who is passionate about working with students, possesses the ability to connect with, support, and relate to a diverse and engaging student population, and has substantive experience in higher education and student life. The VPSL is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive student life strategy aligned with Washburn's mission, values, and long-term goals. The VPSL also champions the effective use of technology, data, and innovation to strengthen student life operations, compliance, and the student experience.

The VPSL will oversee the division of student life for Washburn's campuses – serving all students at Washburn University and Washburn Tech – encompassing the Student Life Office, Student Services (Veteran's Affairs, Student Accessibility Services, and Non-traditional Students), Health Services, Employee Wellness, Counseling Services, Residential Living, Career Engagement, Student Involvement and Development, Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Campus Spirit, and Union Operations and Food Services.

The VPSL is part of an energetic, collaborative senior leadership team working together with intentional efforts to establish and meet institutional goals. In addition to being a highly visible and collaborative partner for academic and administrative colleagues, the VPSL will be a compelling advocate for Washburn in the community. The VPSL will maintain an active campus presence, be engaged on campus and in the community, and regularly attend student events, activities, and athletic competitions.

## **Essential Job Functions of Position:**

As a position of significant impact on Washburn, the Vice President for Student Life will perform the following essential functions as Chief Student Affairs Officer on the President's cabinet:

### **Washburn Leadership:**

- Meet with and advise the president in all matters related to student life. Provides regular and timely support to the president and ensures she is prepared to communicate accurately about all student matters.
- Inspire and lead student life in a manner that creates a vibrant campus, encourages and challenges students to reach their full potential, and supports student success. Advocate for and cultivate a sense of community for all students.
- Serve as the primary advocate for student needs and concerns within the campus leadership ensuring that student voices are heard.
- Lead the development, review, and implementation of student-related policies and procedures.
- Serve as a key institutional leader in shared governance related to student policies and student life matters.
- Ensure compliance with federal, state, and Washburn regulations and policies.
- Maintain a visible campus and community presence attending various events, activities, and Athletic competitions.

## **Student Life:**



Develop and execute a strategic student life plan that ensures exceptional student experiences for students, supports student retention, authentically engages the campus community, and inspires interest in a Washburn education.

Provide strategic leadership and oversight for the Student Life division, overseeing its key functional areas to support enrollment goals and student success. Areas of oversight for Washburn – University and Tech - include:

- Career Engagement (which includes veteran services)
- Counseling Services
- Employee Wellness
- Health Services
- Residential Living
- Student Accessibility Services
- Student Involvement and Development
- Campus Spirit
- Union Operations and Food Services

## **Student Recreation & Wellness Center:**

- Provide leadership, direction and oversight to direct reports who are responsible for student life programs, formulating and communicating short- and long-range goals for the Student Life area to ensure Washburn – University and Tech - students are afforded a complete, rich and meaningful social and educational experience at Washburn.
- Effectively work with students and student government to build trust and interpersonal communications.
- Ensure access to student medical and mental health services and coordinate efforts to communicate availability of services.
- Provide oversight of campus housing in a manner that provides supportive residential experience with strong financial and operations management.
- Maintain the student code of conduct and all student policies in partnership with other campus leaders, ensuring student policies and procedures serve the needs of Washburn and reflect current developments in higher education.
- Use data-informed strategies and early-alert indicators to proactively support students at critical transition points.
- Lead student crisis management and response efforts, in partnership with other campus leaders, leveraging knowledge of student mental health issues and laws impacting campus operations.
- Coordinate efforts to manage the Washburn's students of concern, crisis response, and threat assessment teams, and serve on other committees as appropriate.
- Provide leadership for student life risk management efforts, including identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks related to student behavior, residential life, campus events, and student travel.
- Utilize data, analytical reports, and input to evaluate Student Life programming to lead and guide student life efforts. Promote and lead a culture of program assessment ensuring alignment with Washburn goals.



## **Collaboration:**

- Collaborate and build relationships with other campus leaders and find solutions to concerns across administrative boundaries.
- Partner with academic affairs to foster meaningful curricular/co-curricular partnerships to integrate student life initiatives with academic programs to enhance the student experience and success.
- Maintain close and productive relationships with Strategic Enrollment Management and with Athletics.



- Provide regular reports encouraging understanding and engagement in student life functions and activities with the appropriate and transparent dissemination of data and information.
- Partner with campus leaders to improve student persistence, retention, and timely degree completion.
- Collaborate with all areas of the Washburn that support the student experience.

#### **Supervision and Mentorship:**

- Oversee a team with a focus on employee development and retention.
- Foster a collaborative environment and empower direct reports to lead within and across their teams in a manner that supports division-wide goals and institutional objectives.
- Enhance professional development through formal and informal opportunities to support employee growth and foster best-in-class student life programs.
- Lead and mentor a high-performing student life team, fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and accountability.
- As a senior leader of Washburn, attend community events and organization meetings, establish and nurture professional relationships that affect mutual benefit to Washburn and the surrounding community.

#### **Financial Acumen:**

- Identify and track key performance indicators ensuring effective use of resources.
- Oversee residential housing to assist in meeting institutional enrollment and retention goals while maintaining sustainable financial performance and facility maintenance.
- Provide budgetary oversight for all offices in student life, allocating resources appropriately ensuring most effective use of resources in serving students and creating a vibrant student experience.

Serve on Washburn and/or community committees as assigned. Identify and perform other tasks and duties that support students, Student Life and Washburn Community.

Performs additional job-related duties as assigned or as appropriate.

#### **Education and Experience:**

- The Vice President for Student Life must hold a master's degree in higher education, student affairs administration, or related field.
- A doctorate in higher education, student affairs or a related field is preferred.
- The VPSL will possess at least 10 years of demonstrated progressive leadership success in student affairs.
- Residence in Shawnee County preferred.

#### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

In addition, the successful candidate will also possess many of the following abilities and characteristics:

#### **Vision and Leadership**

- Demonstrated ability to develop and communicate a positive, compelling, distinctive vision and related goals to motivate a team to execute actionable, creative plans toward achieving institutional student life goals.
- Extensive knowledge of current trends in student affairs and student development with demonstrated ability to use this knowledge to make innovative improvements to programs and services.
- Knowledgeable in Title VI, Title IX, FERPA, ADA, and other relevant laws relating to student affairs.
- Enthusiasm for working directly with students, supporting student learning and success, and addressing issues with care and empathy.
- Exceptional leadership and team development skills, with a commitment to staff mentorship and professional growth.
- Demonstrated ability to identify key opportunities and concerns and develop and communicate potential solutions and strategic imperatives.

## **Collaboration, Communication, and Analytical Skills**

- Ability to be bold, creative, and visionary while also being collegial, collaborative, and inclusive; a strong desire to contribute to a successful leadership team.
- Proven ability to work with diverse constituencies, both on and off campus; propensity to serve as an ambassador for Washburn and to engage effectively with prospective students and families, current students and families, faculty, staff, alumni, and community-based organizations.
- An understanding of NCAA regulations for Division II athletics and demonstrated experience building partnerships and processes with coaches and athletic administrators to support student athletes.
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills, with the ability to influence across the organization.

## **Personal Qualities**

- Commitment to and respect for Washburn's mission and unwavering commitment to serving students, with the ability to reflect institutional values and goals in student life strategies.
- Maintains the highest level of confidentiality.
- Progressive leader who is willing to take calculated risks and lead with sensitivity and integrity.
- Even-keeled, thoughtful temperament, with high integrity, appropriate transparency, and judgment.
- Exceptional work ethic and excellent organizational and delegation skills to manage multiple tasks simultaneously and handle highly confidential information.
- Self-motivated, critical thinker with advanced problem-solving abilities and creativity.



## Cabinet-Level Role with Direct Presidential Access and Influence

The Vice President for Student Life reports directly to the President and serves as a **core member of the executive leadership team**, shaping institution-wide strategy, policy, and culture. This role offers **real authority, visibility, and voice** in decisions impacting enrollment, retention, campus climate, and student success across the University and Washburn Tech.

## Opportunity to Lead Student Life at a Momentum-Driven Institution

Washburn is experiencing **historic enrollment growth**, including the largest incoming freshman class in its 160-year history, record enrollments at Washburn Tech, and a strong upward trajectory in retention and graduation rates. The VPSL joins at a moment of **positive momentum**, not turnaround fatigue—an ideal environment for a strategic, forward-thinking student affairs leader.

## Broad, Integrated Student Life Portfolio with Real Scale and Complexity

The role oversees a **comprehensive and diverse Student Life division** spanning student health, counseling, residential living, student engagement, career services, recreation and wellness, accessibility services, multicultural affairs, crisis management, and union operations and food services—across **multiple campuses**. This is a rare opportunity to lead a **full-spectrum student affairs operation** with meaningful scope and impact.

## Presidentially Aligned, Student-Centered Institutional Culture

Washburn's leadership—beginning with the President—is **deeply student-focused, data-informed, collaborative, and action-oriented**. The VPSL will work alongside senior leaders who value courageous conversations, innovation, and professional development, creating a culture where student life is **strategic, respected, and mission-critical**.

## Distinctive Municipal University Model with Deep Community Impact

As **one of only three municipal universities in the nation**, Washburn offers a governance and funding structure that blends **public mission, local investment, and institutional autonomy**. The VPSL has a unique opportunity to strengthen town-gown relationships and lead student life initiatives that directly impact the Topeka community and region.

## Significant Campus Investment and Forward-Looking Infrastructure

Washburn is in the midst of **major campus enhancements**, including new and renovated residence halls, academic facilities, recreation and wellness investments, esports expansion, and a forthcoming integrated health sciences facility. The VPSL will help shape how these investments translate into **vibrant campus life, student engagement, and retention gains**.

## Exceptional Quality of Life in the Capital City of Kansas

Located in **Topeka**, Washburn offers leaders a **high quality of life** with affordable housing, a revitalized downtown, strong arts and cultural amenities, outdoor recreation, excellent schools, and proximity to Kansas City. Candidates can enjoy **meaningful leadership without big-city burnout**.

*For a student affairs leader seeking authentic influence, institutional momentum, and the opportunity to shape the student experience at scale, Washburn University offers a rare and compelling platform.*

## Vision Statement

Washburn University is a premier community of higher learning focused on life and careers.

## Mission Statement

Washburn creates educational pathways to success for everyone.

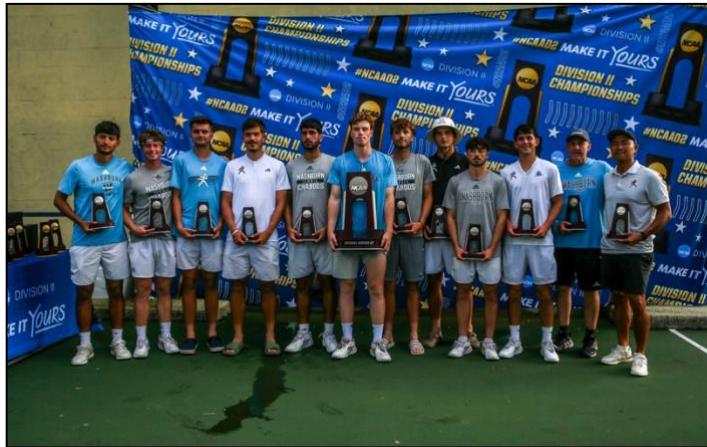
## Values

Washburn creates positive IMPACT. Inclusion. Modernization. Partnership. Achievement. Community. Transformation

## QUICK FACTS

Dedicated faculty and staff serve adult and high school students as well as business and industry participants with career-specific training.

- Enrollment: 7,722 (Fall 2025, includes high school, undergraduate, graduate, law, and Washburn Tech).
- Classes: 42% of undergraduate classes have fewer than 20 students.
- Undergraduate Student to Faculty Ratio: 14:1.
- Graduates: more than 2,300 degrees and certificates awarded annually.



## Funding and Governance

Washburn is a publicly funded, independently governed, state coordinated university. The school was established in 1865 as Lincoln College by a charter issued by the State of Kansas and the General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Kansas. It was open to women and African Americans. In 1941, the citizens of Topeka endorsed Washburn by voting to establish a municipal university, supported in part by the city and governed by a local board of regents. In 1999, the university's primary funding was moved from city property tax to county sales tax sources, with the school retaining status as a political subdivision of the state. In addition to local financial support, Washburn has received state funds since 1961, which have been coordinated by the Kansas Board of Regents since 1991. Washburn is funded by local sales tax, a state operating grant and student tuition.

Washburn is governed by its own nine-member Board of Regents, with appointments statutorily prescribed and made by the governor, mayor, county commission, and the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). Regents (other than the one appointed by KBOR) serve four-year terms.

## Financial Aid

More than \$63 million in financial aid is available to students annually with more than \$18 million in scholarships awarded from university resources. Approximately 75% of undergraduate students receive a scholarship with a recent increase in the number of top performing students who receive a merit scholarship. There is a purposeful, strategic effort to ensure all students can access an affordable education for the entirety of their degree.

## Endowment Funding

The Washburn University Foundation, with assets of nearly \$260 million as of June 30, 2025, made more than \$15 million available to the University this past fiscal year for scholarships, faculty and program support, and campus improvements.

## Experiential Learning Opportunities

Each year, approximately 1,000 students participate in experiential learning opportunities at more than 125 sites in northeast Kansas. Law school students participating in the school's "Third Year Anywhere™" program are placed in externships throughout Kansas, the country and even across the globe as they complete their law school coursework.

## Athletics

Seventeen athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division II level in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Conference. Washburn sports are baseball, basketball (men and women), cross country (men and women), football, golf (men and women), soccer (women), softball, tennis (men and women), indoor and outdoor track and field (men and women), and volleyball. Washburn has over 500 student athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 and has outstanding athletic facilities.

## Alumni

Washburn boasts more than 50,000 alumni. Washburn alumni are found in every county in Kansas, every state in the country and in many foreign countries.

## Mascot

Mr. Ichabod, Washburn's mascot, honors the school's early benefactor, Ichabod Washburn, a 19th century Massachusetts industrialist and abolitionist who supported the school's founding mission to expand access to education on the prairie. The original design of the studious-looking, tuxedo-clad figure was created in 1938 by Bradbury Thompson (BA '34), who became an internationally acclaimed graphic artist.

## Student Life

The mission of Washburn University Student Life is to educate and support students through engaging the community, enlivening campus and enriching the Washburn experience.

Washburn pursues its mission through educational programs, service, advocacy and mentoring to maximize their students' potential.

Through promoting a welcoming and healthy Washburn community, Washburn strives to empower students to navigate obstacles and strengthen their readiness to learn.



Each area of student life has a specialized focus:



- The Student Life Office provides direction for student life issues and strategies on campus, including behavioral and disciplinary concerns.
- Career Engagement empowers students to explore and choose academic majors and career options; obtain career-related skills and experience; and develop and pursue post-graduation career plans.
- CAPS (Counseling, Advocacy, Prevention Services) provides educational, clinical and consultative services to the Washburn community through in-person or virtual sessions including via a contract with Protocall to provide teletherapy services. They also support the student-run food pantry, Bods Feeding Bods.
- Student Involvement and Development supports students through the creation of co-curricular experiences that encourage collaboration and inclusivity to enhance student learning through campus and community engagement and leadership development. Greek Life includes seven interfraternity and panhellenic chapters.
- Residential Living provides a living and learning environment for 974 beds in two suite style residence halls and one apartment complex, with occupancy at 87% for Fall 2025.
- The Student Recreation and Wellness Center offers individual and group exercise, fitness assessments and 22 intramural activities, as well as administering the Employee Wellness Program. A newly opened Esports lounge serves nearly 300 students.
- Student Health Services provides patient care to students and faculty/staff for clinical needs as well as vaccinations and health promotion.
- Student Accessibility Services provides academic and campus accommodations for students including testing, notetaking and individual campus needs.
- Campus Spirit coordinates our Dancing Blues, Cheer, and Mascot teams to enhance campus vibrancy and Washburn visibility at community events.
- Union Operations and Food Services oversees the management of the Memorial Union, food services in the Union and the Lincoln Dining Hall, the Ichabod Shop, and University Scheduling.

### On Campus

Enhancements to campus in the past decade include the construction of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science building; the construction of Lincoln Hall—a 350-bed residence hall with attached dining facility and the addition of an indoor practice facility, which includes the only banked indoor track in Division II. In addition, Washburn University School of Law is now housed in Robert J. Dole Hall, a 65-thousand square-foot facility designed to fit the needs of changing legal curriculum.

Advisors Excel Hall will be the largest academic building on campus, housing more than 25% of all available classrooms. The fully renovated Hall will provide state-of-the-art spaces and features that will enhance the overall student, faculty, staff and visitor experience. The renovation is expected to be completed for the Spring 2027 semester.

The Board of Regents recently approved the biggest, boldest project to date on campus, an integrated healthcare facility. A funding plan is established that includes private sources, university reserves, and bond proceeds; fundraising has begun in earnest and planning is underway for a building that will house all of the undergraduate health-related programs, from Kinesiology to Radiation Therapy to Nursing. Approximately 40% of students are enrolled in these majors, which includes all levels of degrees offered at Washburn University. Plans include renovation of the current 50,000 square foot building with the addition of 50,000 square feet.

In response to the state's growing manufacturing industry, Washburn Tech is expanding its footprint with a state-of-the-art Manufacturing Institute, which will be located in North Topeka. The renovation of the former retail building will be completed in 2026.

The Mulvane Art Museum is a distinguished AAM-accredited institution that opened in 1924. The Mulvane houses a permanent collection of over 6,000 artworks, including pieces by significant European and American artists like Salvador

Since its founding, Washburn has always been committed to Education for ALL and has admitted women and minorities.

Dalí and Rembrandt van Rijn, as well as notable works by Kansas and regional artists.



Washburn's influence in the community extends beyond the classroom. Hundreds of children come to campus each

summer as participants in sports camps, while others explore their creativity at the Mulvane's Art Lab and other programs offered across campus.

### Student Success

Washburn is nationally recognized as a leader in student success among open admissions institutions.

NASPA recognized Washburn as an inaugural First-Gen Forward institution, University Business Magazine identified the Ichabod Success Institute as a Models of Excellence program and Excelencia in Education noted Washburn's work to improve the degree attainment of Topeka's growing Latino population.

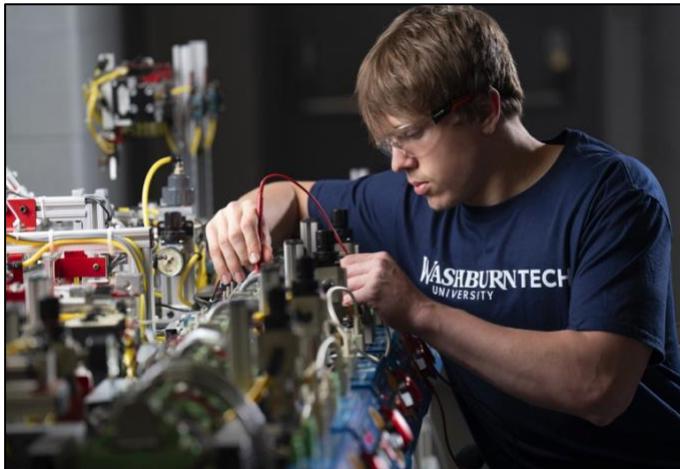
Washburn's student success programming centers on the University Student Learning Outcome of Information Literacy, a learning skill crucial to success in the knowledge economy. The student success operations are designed to holistically meet students where they are with regard to their post-secondary preparedness.

**WU101: The Washburn Experience** is Washburn's high-impact practice first-year seminar that is the cornerstone of a First-Year Experience program that has grown our retention rate 10 percentage points in 7 years, reaching a high point of 72%. Our current retention rate is 68%. Washburn's commitment to graduating more students on time is campus-wide and has led to a 19% increase in 8 years, reaching a high point of 54%. Our current graduation rate is 52%.

Based on research and best practice, the ongoing innovative student success programming is relationship-oriented and designed to help students develop their place as members of the Ichabod Community of Learning.

### Washburn

- Invests in our community with scholarships - **Washburn Thrives** and **Washburn Promise** -designed for graduates of local Shawnee County high schools.
- Has seen a significant recent increase in student retention rates, with a six-year graduation rate of 53% - the highest among public regional universities in Kansas.
- Serves as the home to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Forensic Science Building**.



One of only three municipal universities in the nation.

Offers a wide range of opportunities and pathways, including a technical college, a four-year university, and a law school. Students can earn credentials ranging from technical certificates to associate, bachelor's, master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and juris doctorate degrees.

Located in the state capital, Washburn provides students with access to all branches of state government. Last year, Washburn had more students interning at the Kansas Legislature than any other university and counts alumni in leadership roles across all three branches of government.

The **College of Arts & Sciences** is the foundation of every University degree as over half of all student credit hours (53%) are in courses offered through the College. Through majors and minors across 17 academic departments and the Mulvane Art Museum, it offers tailored pathways to success along with specialized programs in math and English. Highlights include a biology program with over 80% medical school acceptance, forensic studies in partnership with the on-campus Kansas Bureau of Investigation, funded student research, internships, and conference opportunities. Our student-first, interdisciplinary culture creates hands-on learning experiences—from assignments at the Mulvane Art Museum to working at the Crane Observatory or planetarium, contributing to the WU Moves Community Wellness Program or Psychological Services Clinic, participating in archaeological digs, or performing in music and theatre. The College prepares students to thrive in an increasingly diverse, technological, and innovative world.

The **School of Law** was founded in 1903 and is one of only two law schools in Kansas. The School of Law has excelled in the categories most important to their students and alumni, the same categories that measure the success of a legal education: high-quality curriculum; exceptional faculty and library resources; favorable graduation statistics, bar pass rates and employment outcomes; and overall affordability. There are seven concentrations offered as part of a law degree, two joint degree programs, a masters of study in law, and a LL.M. in global legal studies.

The Washburn University **Gregory D. and Ronda K. Brenneman School of Business** offers comprehensive curricula designed to help Students develop the key skills that today's employers require. The school offers nine Bachelor of Business Administration program concentrations, five Business minors and two certificates in the areas of Accounting, Business Data Analytics, Economics, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Finance, General Business, International Business, Management, Marketing and Management. The Brenneman School of Business also offers graduate-level degrees in the Master of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy programs, as well as dual-degree and accelerated programs of study for undergraduates continuing on to post-secondary study.

The **Harmony J. Hines School of Nursing** offers exceptional undergraduate and graduate educational programs. The school offers a traditional in-person BSN and fully online RN-BSN and graduate programs. The BSN program has an Early Acceptance Pathway to Nursing for students attending Washburn University directly from high school. Washburn's nursing graduates are making significant contributions in the delivery of health care to the people of Kansas and the region. Employers are actively recruiting our students before they graduate, as our graduates have a reputation of being fully prepared and ready to work! Washburn's NCLEX and NP certification pass rates have been historically above the Kansas and national averages.



Washburn University's **School of Applied Studies (SAS)** offers more than 25 degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, and master levels. Degree programs are in high demand areas of Allied Health, Criminal Justice, Education, Family and Human Services, Legal Studies, and Social Work. Additionally, the school offers 10 advanced certificates designed to provide students with additional training to enhance career readiness and progress with desired training in their fields of study. Much of the student body in SAS consists of transfer and non-traditional students seeking a career change or enhancement. The school has articulation agreements with multiple technical colleges, including Washburn Tech, allowing students who earn a technical certificate to apply credits toward an associate degree.

Shawnee County is home to six public school districts and several private schools that serve more than 98,000 secondary students.

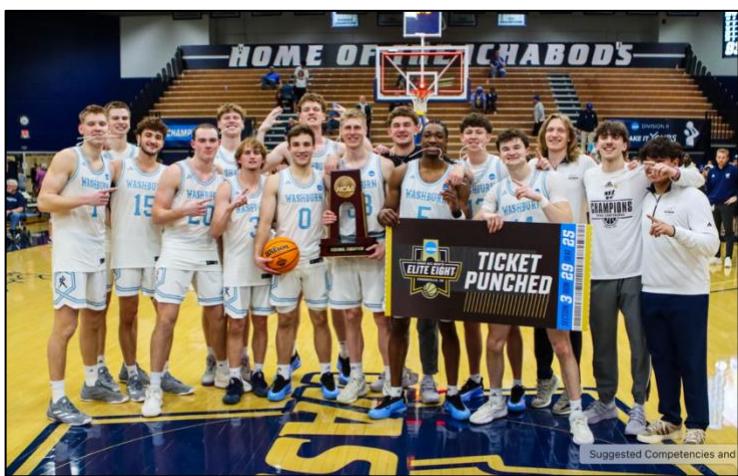


Washburn University Foundation: has assets of \$260 million



Washburn is nationally recognized for student success initiatives.

The new Advisors Excel Hall will house the Brenneman School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences. It will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the needs of today's students while offering the flexibility to adapt to future generations. As the largest academic building on our campus, it serves more students than any other building.



Washburn Athletics is coming off its most successful year in university history. The Ichabods finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MIAA Commissioner's Cup which reflects team success in the highly competitive Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference.

**Washburn Institute of Technology** (Washburn Tech) offers more than 30 career programs and associate degrees in the areas of construction, design and technology, health occupations, hospitality and human services, manufacturing and transportation. Washburn Tech serves both secondary and postsecondary students through pathways that begin at Washburn Tech and continue to associate and other advanced degrees at Washburn University.



Educational opportunities are provided on the main Tech Huntoon campus as well as Washburn Tech East and Washburn Tech Academy of Cosmetology. Additional sites include Fort Riley, Lawrence Gardner High School, Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex, the Topeka Correctional Facility, and a new site in north Topeka scheduled to open next year. Washburn Tech also offers continuing education courses to the community as well as custom training and apprenticeships for local business and industry workers. Adult education opportunities such as GED and ESL are available at the East campus and Correctional Facility locations.

Washburn Tech is committed to its mission of strengthening the communities it serves by engaging in public/private partnerships. New programs are implemented in response to local need and in collaboration with business and industry partners as well as government entities. All programs are guided by local industry leaders who serve on advisory boards that are tasked with ensuring curriculum, training and technology meet and exceed current standards.



## TOPEKA, KANSAS

Topeka, the capital city of Kansas, is more than a bustling hub for politics. It is a thriving community [<https://www.gotopeka.com>] on the move, experiencing incredible momentum as a place where individuals, families, companies and agencies choose to call home.

With a population of nearly 180,000 in Topeka and Shawnee County, Topeka offers a long list of ways to spend your time. Explore the many family attractions in beautiful Gage Park including the Topeka Zoo, the Kansas Children's Discovery Center, the mini-train and a vintage carousel built in 1908.

Step into history by following in the footsteps of Civil War abolitionists or tour the *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historical Site. Washburn is proud to note that graduates of the Washburn Law School represented parties on both sides of the landmark civil rights case in 1951.

If shopping and entertainment are more your style, enjoy the NOTO Arts & Entertainment District where you'll find art, music, food, shopping and fun. Theatre and music venues include the Topeka Civic Theatre, Topeka Performing Arts Center, the Stormont-Vail events center, as well as the historic Jayhawk Theatre near the Capitol.



Downtown Topeka, just a few minutes from the Washburn campus, is undergoing a transformation with the opening of several new restaurants, creative bars, a luxury hotel and Every Plaza which features live music, special events, a splash pad in the summer and an ice rink in the winter. Downtown lofts have become a popular living option for Topekans, combining historic features with modern amenities.

Outdoor enthusiasts love exploring the wide variety of recreation facilities surrounding Topeka. At Lake Shawnee, you can golf, paddle boat, or sail. Topeka has miles of paved, gravel and wooded trails for walkers, joggers and bikers. You also may connect with nature by canoeing, kayaking or hiking along the Kansas River, a national water trail connecting the river from Junction City to where it meets the Missouri River near Kansas City.

Standing alongside our community partners, we are proud to call [Topeka and Shawnee County](#) home. Washburn invites you to experience what we all know – this is a great place to live, learn, prosper and belong.



#### Washburn's impact in Shawnee County and/or NE Kansas:

- WU contributes more than \$56 million in annual income to the NE Kansas economy.
- Accumulated credits achieved by WU alumni over the past 30 years translate to more than \$422 million in added regional income annually due to higher earnings of students and increased output of businesses.
- Washburn Tech's direct economic impact: \$24 million (2022); 561 jobs.
- Washburn Small Business Development Center, a catalyst for small business growth, provides no-cost advising to small business owners in a 11-county region.

## APPLICATIONS & NOMINATIONS

The Search Committee invites letters of interest and nominations to be submitted directly to the search firm, Anthem Executive | Anthem Academics. Correspondence should include a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest describing relevant experience and interest in the position. Submit materials to Michael Ballew, Scott Watson, JR Wheless, or Florene Stawowy at:

[VPStudentLifeWU@anthemexecutive.com](mailto:VPStudentLifeWU@anthemexecutive.com)

While applications and nominations may be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit their materials as soon as possible to ensure consideration. Anthem and the University reserve the right to end or extend the application and nomination at any time. Expressing interest is the first step in receiving consideration and does not make one an applicant for the position.



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