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WPU Plans Massive Campus Changes

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In his Nov. 14 State of the University address, William Peace University President Dr. Brian Ralph discussed WPU's plans for the future. He highlighted some of Peace's successes in the last year and how the campus wishes to grow with a Strategic Plan to further enhance student learning at Peace. However, possibly the most exciting news that was unveiled was the introduction of Peace's Master Plan to renovate and expand the university's campus.

The Master Plan is an ambitious project in which WPU aims to add new buildings and expand current ones to enhance and grow educational opportunities and campus life.

Peace has worked with two different companies, Odell Architecture and Stuart, to develop a conceptualized illustration on what the university should look like in the coming decades.

One of the goals for the Master Plan was to construct the campus to make it more inviting. Currently the campus looks a bit secluded and many people who are passing by don't have a good idea of what makes Peace what it is.

Dr. Ralph stated in his address that he is confident that the Strategic Plan "will be make William Peace University a great story of transformation and will not only be recognized



Rendering courtesy of William Peace University

Above: Concept Illustration of a new Residential Quad in William Peace University's Master Plan

in the Triangle but in the Southeast US."

More Dorms

Peace's main concern right now is to construct new residential halls to allow more students to stay on campus. It is predicted that in just the next five years Peace will grow from 800 students to about 1,300.

The master plan includes a new Residential

Quad where Bingham Hall currently stands with two new residential halls and an outdoor area. Also, there is a smaller building that acts as a bridge between the two residential halls, similar to how the Flowe Breezeway connects the Flowe and Pressly buildings.

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December Graduates Are Also Important

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With the fall semester coming to an end, fall graduates don't seem to be too excited around campus about stepping into the "real world". In addition, students and faculty tend to overlook the small amount of students who won't be returning for Spring 2018.

Even though this likely is the biggest graduating fall semester class that Peace has had, with 67 expected graduating seniors (up from 42 last December), William Peace University still doesn't really partake in that graduation feel during the fall.

"I'm excited, but almost nervous about graduating early," said Ashley Chubbuck, a senior communication major graduating in December. "I wish there was some type of senior social or party, just so the seniors could

have one last moment together."

Even though the amount of fall graduates is slim compared to spring graduates, they still are important and are a big part of the Peace community. Some of the graduates are even a little disappointed that they have to wait an entire semester to actually wake across the stage, considering they are done a semester early.

WPU does host a Presidential Reception for December graduates, but it's very limited as to who is invited, as far as family and friends.

"I do wish they would have one last dinner or something with the fall graduates, their advisors, and senior faculty, just to send the seniors off since it is their last semester. Maybe something similar to commencement with family and friends also," said Grace



Photo by Janae Hankins

WPU Graduates walking onto the stage during a previous Peace Graduation Ceremony in May

Robinson, a Peace senior graduating in December.

A social for fall graduates would benefit graduates who already have a guaranteed job lined up after graduation, or are planning on moving out of state and can't make it to the May commencement.

Although we know that isn't going to happen this year, maybe in the near future a plan will come together. Regardless of how we celebrate our fall graduates, we want to wish them a big congratulations and the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Exam De-stressing: Let's Stream and Chill

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We should all be honest with ourselves, school has been kicking us in the rear end. An endless line of papers, projects, and exams has probably got us all questioning whether or not we really need a degree to succeed in life. Well, be stressed no more! Let us all just stream shows to technologically wash away all of our school woes.

I do not know too many people that do not have a Netflix or Hulu subscription. They are some of the easiest ways to watch old and new shows. Here are a few that everyone can enjoy:

The Office (US): This show follows the life of office workers that work for a paper company called Dunder-Miiflin. The show offers a lot of comedic relief and every episode has a plot line that is unforgettable. The show has nine seasons, so binge watch to your heart's content.

Rick and Morty: This adult cartoon is hilarious. It follows a young boy named Morty and adventures with his eccentric grandfather, Rick. They go on adventures to different dimensions and something always goes wrong. The show works, and how can we forget that

this show sparked the Szechuan sauce debacle?

Sherlock: There is not enough great things that can said about this show. The cinematic layout and story progression is nothing short of masterful. This series has a lot of twist and turns that will keep the viewer coming back for more. You can thank me later for telling you to watch this gem.

The Golden Girls: Yes, The Golden Girls. This show is a polished diamond and it needs to be shown off and talked about. The show follows four ladies that are in their 50's, but

they are in situations that almost anyone can relate to. The sarcasm and sass between the characters is so real, you can reach out and touch it. This show is a portrayal of what true friendship is. Oh, did I mention that the great Betty White is in it?

For more show suggestions, find this article on www.peacetimesonline.com