



# WELCOME

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# RECREATION STORY

Let's talk about how we got to where we are today.

Western Student Experience

### **OUR HISTORY**



2002

2009

2015

Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Recreation become one area in May 2002. The area is renamed Sports and Recreation Services a few years later.

Campus Recreation moves from the UCC to the newly built Western Student Recreation Centre.

Sports and Recreation moved from Faculty of Health Sciences to Student Experience portfolio





## **RECREATION PURPOSE**



The Sport & Recreation pillar collectively works to enrich student thriving through a focus on developing leadership and success in sport and recreation. With a commitment to diversity and inclusion we engage Mustangs in activewellbeing and inspire spirit and tradition in order to strengthen the bonds of the Western community.



## **SRS VISION**



Our vision is for students to discover balance in their lives and pursue challenges without fear of failure, ultimately enhancing their ability to thrive.

# **Sport and Recreation Pillar**

# Sport & Recreation

Sport

Recreation

Spirit & Connection

### Recreation

Intramural Leagues & Tournaments

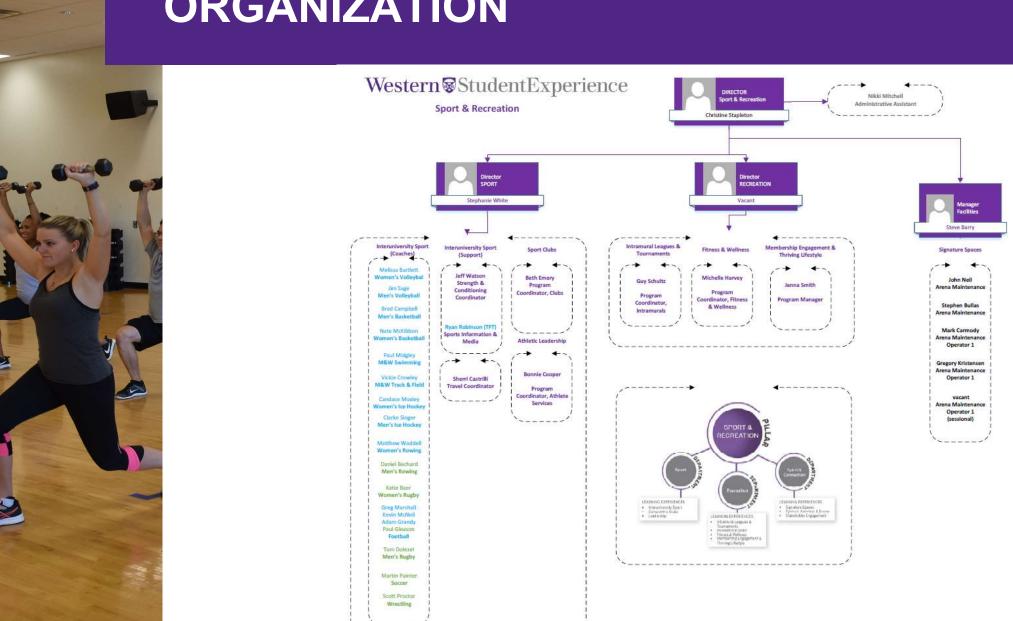
Recreational Clubs

Fitness & Wellness

Membership Engagement & Thriving Lifestyle

# **ORGANIZATION**







# RECREATION JOURNEY

How do students make their way through our services?

Western Student Experience



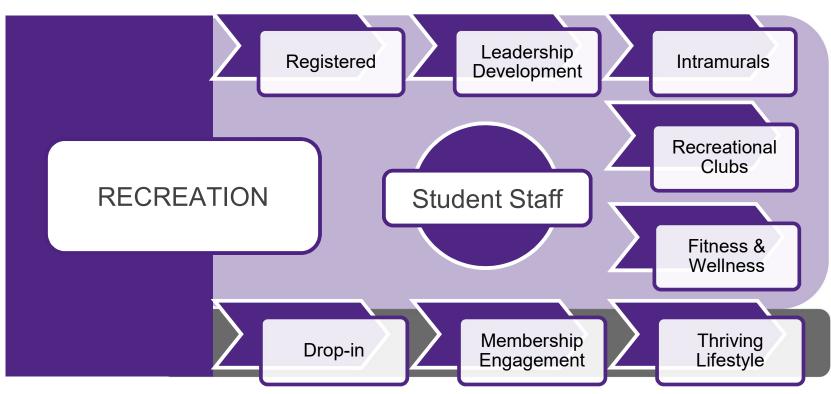




| 2019 (fall)  | Status  | 2019 - 20  | Status  |
|--|---------|--|---------|
| Ensure member satisfaction with<br>WSRC staff and facilities   | ongoing | Identified that survey is ideal<br>method to collect data;<br>development is next step   | ongoing |
| Promotion of programs and<br>services to Western and<br>London Communities   | ongoing | <ul> <li>Increased and adapted promotions to better reach students via different social media channels, innovative oncampus promotions</li> <li>Increased collaboration with partners on campus</li> </ul> | ongoing |
| Build student leaders who develop<br>and learn skills from hands-on<br>experiences, and create a sense of<br>community between current and<br>former student staff to<br>develop mentorship, community<br>and possible financial opportunities | ongoing | <ul> <li>Implemented strength-based goals for student leaders</li> <li>NIRSA development opportunity for students (Lead On)</li> <li>Enhanced and updated learned skills for intramural leads</li> </ul>   | ongoing |



## THE RECREATION JOURNEY



# DETAILED PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW



|                       | 2018 - 2019   | 2019 - 2020   |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Recreational<br>Clubs | <ul> <li>19 clubs;1200+ students involved - Open to all, compete across Ontario</li> <li>60+ student leaders</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>18 clubs;1200+ students involved - Open to all, compete across Ontario</li> <li>60+ student leaders</li> </ul>   |
| Intramurals           | <ul> <li>20 sports; 1000+ teams - Open to all</li> <li>13000+ students involved</li> <li>Internal competitions</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>20 sports; 1000+ teams - Open to all</li> <li>12750+ students involved</li> <li>New live and online esports (3 virtual esport tournaments)</li> </ul>  |
| Fitness & Wellness    | <ul> <li>50 classes offered per week; Over 3000 participants</li> <li>180 personal training packages sold</li> <li>1300 massages provided</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>2700 group fitness participants</li> <li>Women's Only studio hours</li> <li>180 personal training packages sold</li> <li>New live online classes</li> </ul>  |
| Thriving<br>Lifestyle | <ul> <li>Average of 2100+ scans per day</li> <li>350 sport drop-in daily</li> <li>200+ cardio machines; 8-lane, 50m pool; 6 gyms</li> <li>45 hours per week drop-in time in turf fields (Mustang &amp; Alumni)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Average of 2100+ scans per day</li> <li>350 sport drop-in daily</li> <li>200+ cardio machines; 8-lane, 50m pool; 6 gyms</li> <li>45 hours per week drop-in time in turf fields (Mustang &amp; Alumni)</li> </ul> |



# THE BUDGET

Western StudentExperience

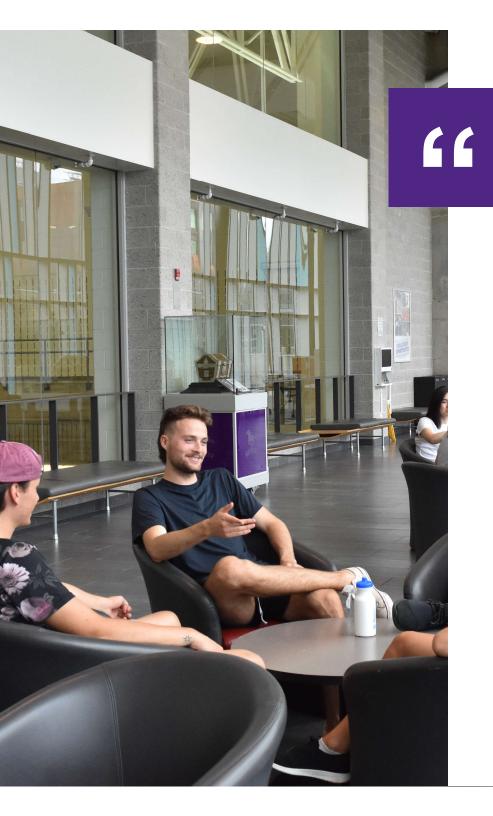




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| Hiring new Recreation Leader                            | On hold | On hold due to uncertainty created by COVID                            | On Hold |
| Build capacity in recreation –<br>Gender-based Violence | ongoing | Created safe space and outlet for women via Women's Only studio hours. | Ongoing |
| Build capacity to increase our innovative programming   | ongoing | Delivered new digital programming; introduced esport.                  | Ongoing |







Having a place to call home, where everyone feels comfortable, doesn't come around often –

Steph, Western Student and Student Staff Member, talking about the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC)

Western Student Experience

# WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE MAKE?



| 2018 - 2019 Intentions                           | Examples of services, programs or actions taken in 2019-20 to accomplish these goals:  |
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| Provide Inclusive and Safe<br>Spaces             | <ul><li>Women's Only studio hours</li><li>Purchased aquatics chair lift for patrons in wheel chairs</li></ul>  |
| Active Living                                    | <ul> <li>Open during exams and most holidays to help students to stay active</li> <li>Free Fitness classes during exams</li> </ul>   |
| Positive Mental Health and<br>Thriving Lifestyle | <ul> <li>Created a Gratitude tree during the holidays to encourage visitors/students to practice being grateful</li> <li>Launched Love Your Body campaign</li> </ul>   |
| Build Student Leaders                            | <ul> <li>Provide funding and opportunity for student leaders to attend NIRSA Lead On conference</li> <li>Student supervisors assisting with hiring, training, and mentoring new student staff</li> </ul>     |
| Create a Sense of     Community                  | <ul> <li>Delivered Special Olympics Unified program at WSRC</li> <li>Social nights for student staff; foodbank drive; team blood drive; support pods for student staff to do mental health checks</li> </ul> |







As a mature student, I appreciate the opportunity for further professional development and skill building. This experience was so beneficial in helping me develop my communication skills and I've walked away with many helpful strategies to put into practice in my future career!

- Emily, WSRC student staff on attending the 2019 NIRSA Conference





#### Over 27,000 Unique Users

- 52% Female
- 48% Male

#### Sport Western

- Over 100 student job opportunities
- More than 7,900 participants in Sport Western programs

#### **Fitness Classes**

- · 160+ cardio machines
- · Women's Only Studio Hours
- More than 2,700 group fitness participants

Average 2,100+ scans a day to the **Western Student Recreation Centre** 

#### **Intramurals**

- Over 1,000 teams
- · More than 13,000 participants
- 83% of participants are Undergraduates
- 17% of participants are Graduate students
- · Over 200 employed students in various roles

#### **Recreational Clubs**

- · 19 Different clubs offered
- 1.200 Members
- 60+ Leadership opportunities

#### **Experiential Learning**

Hands on opportunities in:

More than 400 student staff in SRS

2018-19 RESULTS



#### Over 26,750 Unique Student Users

- 52% Female
- 48% Male

#### Sport Western

- 100+ student experiential opportunities each year
- Over 10,850+ participants in Sport Western programs (Camps, Wild Western Days and School Day Games) \*

#### Fitness Classes

- 160+ cardio machines
- Women's Only Studio Hours
- New Live Online Classes introduced \*
- 2700+ group fitness participants (2018-19 numbers)
- \* 2020 March Break Camps cancelled due to Covid-19; Live Fitness Classes moved online end of March 2020.

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## **SPIRIT & CONNECTION**

200+ Live Events

Events produced by Mustangs TV

Members of the Mustangs Band

Mustangs Band Established

2019-20 RESULTS



# 750,000+

Member visits to the WSRC in 2018-19

C> 650,000+

Member visits to the WSRC in 2019-20

\*\* Decrease in visits due to 6 weeks of closure in March/April

Western Student Experience



| 2018-2019  | 2019-2020  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <ul> <li>27,000+ unique</li> <li>visits (21,000 Undergrad;</li> <li>4,100 Grad; 1,900 Other) to</li> <li>the Western Sport &amp;</li> <li>Recreation Centre</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>26,700+ unique</li> <li>visits (20,700 Undergrad;</li> <li>4,200 Grad; 1,800 Other) to</li> <li>the Western Sport &amp;</li> <li>Recreation Centre</li> </ul> |  |
| • Over 13,000 participants in Intramurals  | • Over 12,750 participants in Intramurals  |  |
| • Over 1,200 Recreational<br>Club Members, 19 Different<br>Clubs   | • Over 1,200 Recreational Club Members, 18 Different Clubs   |  |

## **ENGAGEMENT PATHWAYS**



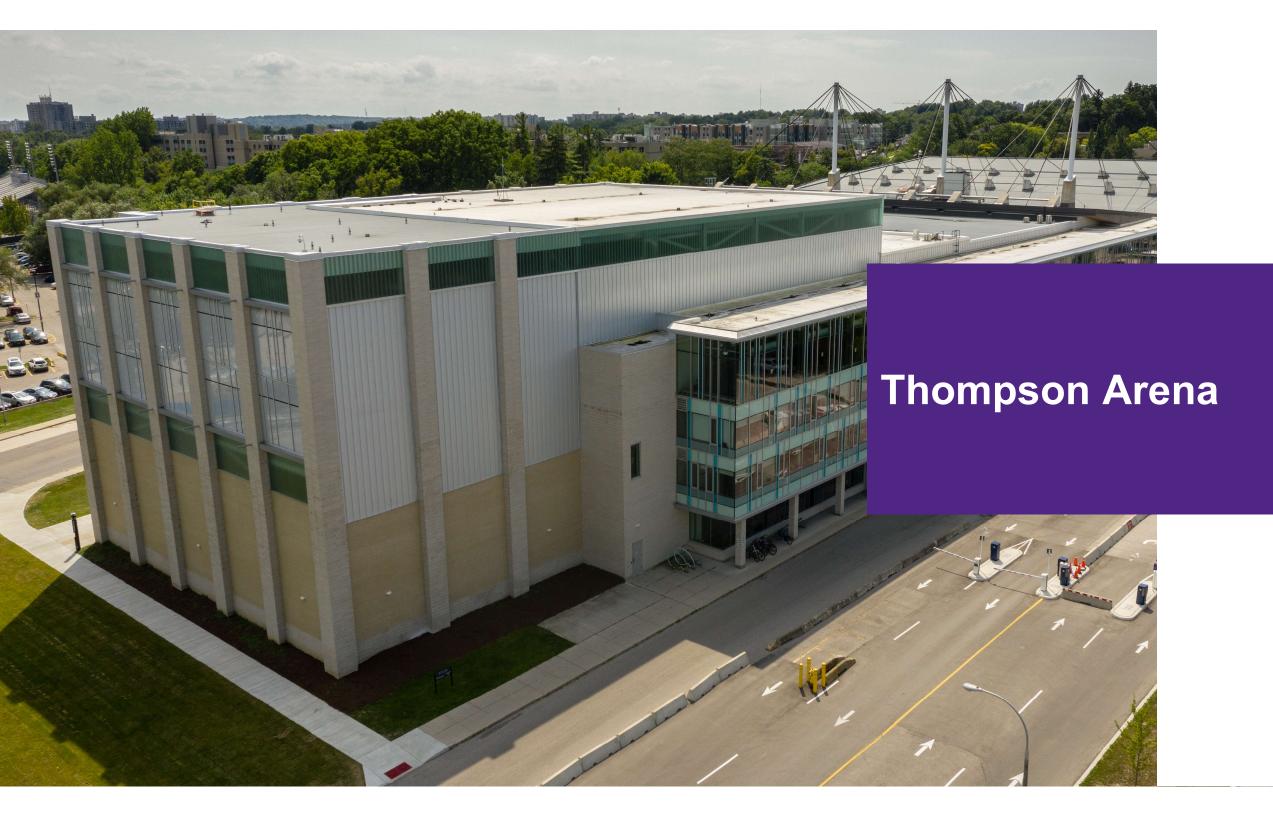
# Students (UGRD, GRAD)

The Recreation department primarily supports students either through drop-ins, registration in our programs, and experiential leadership opportunities.

# Faculty, Staff, Community, Alumni

A secondary group that Recreation supports is the Western and broader community. These members are independently paid memberships. Current students are free.





# THOMPSON RECREATION & ATHLETIC CENTRE (TRAC) – OUR HISTORY



1975

2000-2015

2018-2019

2019-2020

Thompson Arena officially opens as a multi-functional facility for students and the greater London community

Several Capital upgrades:

- New ice pad installed (early 2000's)
- New Bleachers in 2010
- Roof replaced in 2014/15

- Indoor track resurfacing project completed in July
- Supports student thriving lifestyle where they can recreate and compete

- Upgraded HVAC system (Heating, ventilation, air conditioning)
- Installed new condenser unit



### TRAC – PROGRAM OFFERING



### Recreation

- Indoor track available for student drop in (>10 hrs/wk)
- Ice rink available for student drop in (>5 hrs/wk)
- Students receive significant discount for rink or track rental
- Hundreds of rec hockey games

### **Sport**

- Facility is home to Mustangs
   M/W Hockey, Indoor Track
   Team, and Figure Skating Team
- NHL Size rink with 3,615 seat capacity
- 200 metre indoor track, resurfaced in 2019





# THANKS!

Any questions?
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# **APPENDICES**

Takeaways to refer to.