WELCOME

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RECREATION STORY

Let’s talk about how we got to where we are today.
OUR HISTORY

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

2009
Campus Recreation moves from the UCC to the newly built Western Student Recreation Centre.

2015
Sports and Recreation moved from Faculty of Health Sciences to Student Experience portfolio.
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 active-wellbeing and inspire spirit and tradition in order to strengthen the bonds of the Western community.
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
RECREATION JOURNEY
How do students make their way through our services?

Western Student Experience
## GOALS

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

RECREATION

 Registered
 Leadership Development
 Intramurals
 Recreational Clubs
 Fitness & Wellness
 Drop-in
 Membership Engagement
 Thriving Lifestyle

Student Staff
## Detailed Programming Overview

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| **Recreational Clubs** | • 19 clubs; 1200+ students involved - Open to all, compete across Ontario  
• 60+ student leaders | • 18 clubs; 1200+ students involved - Open to all, compete across Ontario  
• 60+ student leaders |
| **Intramurals**         | • 20 sports; 1000+ teams - Open to all  
• 13000+ students involved  
• Internal competitions | • 20 sports; 1000+ teams - Open to all  
• 12750+ students involved  
• **New live and online esports (3 virtual esport tournaments)** |
| **Fitness & Wellness** | • 50 classes offered per week; Over 3000 participants  
• 180 personal training packages sold  
• 1300 massages provided | • 2700 group fitness participants  
• **Women’s Only studio hours**  
• 180 personal training packages sold  
• **New live online classes** |
| **Thriving Lifestyle**  | • Average of 2100+ scans per day  
• 350 sport drop-in daily  
• 200+ cardio machines; 8-lane, 50m pool; 6 gyms  
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<td>Build capacity in recreation – Gender-based Violence</td>
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<td>Created safe space and outlet for women via Women’s Only studio hours.</td>
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<td>Build capacity to increase our innovative programming</td>
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<td>Delivered new digital programming; introduced e-sport.</td>
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THE IMPACT
What difference is made by our work?
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)*
**WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE MAKE?**

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

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:
- Recreation
- Athletic Therapy
- Communications
- Administration
- TV production
- Membership
- Marketing
- Events
- Coaching
- Fitness
- Ticketing
- Leadership

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

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) *

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Over 200+ Live Events
- Events produced by Mustangs TV

Members of the Mustangs Band
- Mustangs Band Established

2018-19 RESULTS

2019-20 RESULTS

* 2020 March Break Camps cancelled due to Covid-19; Live Fitness Classes moved online end of March 2020.
Member visits to the WSRC in 2018-19

750,000+

Member visits to the WSRC in 2019-20

650,000+

** Decrease in visits due to 6 weeks of closure in March/April
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<td>• Over 13,000 participants in Intramurals</td>
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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 Arena
## THOMPSON RECREATION & ATHLETIC CENTRE (TRAC) – OUR HISTORY

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<th>Year Range</th>
<th>Events</th>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>Thompson Arena officially opens as a multi-functional facility for students and the greater London community</td>
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<td>2000-2015</td>
<td>Several Capital upgrades:</td>
<td>New ice pad installed (early 2000’s)</td>
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<td>New Bleachers in 2010</td>
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<td>Roof replaced in 2014/15</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>• Indoor track resurfacing project completed in July</td>
<td>Supports student thriving lifestyle where they can recreate and compete</td>
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<td>• Upgraded HVAC system (Heating, ventilation, air conditioning)</td>
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*Western Student Experience*
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, re-surfaced in 2019
THANKS!

Any questions?
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APPENDICES

Takeaways to refer to.