Increasingly today, women lead the way.

They lean in, reach out, take initiative and drive for results.

It is in this spirit that the Women’s Philanthropy Council (WPC) actively works to further the role of women as leaders and influential participants in Edinboro University and our community.

In 2012, with Edinboro University’s first woman president, Dr. Julie E. Wollman, at the helm, the University launched The Women’s Philanthropy Council. Since then, we have succeeded in generating participation by women in the University and broader community and raising more than $250,000 toward our goal of $1 million. It’s an initiative that has been catching the attention of alumni and friends all over the country. We hope you will join us!

“Women have an essential role in today’s world, serving as leaders in their professions and communities. The Women’s Philanthropy Council, through its financial and mentoring support, helps women develop leadership skills and achieve their professional and personal goals.”

Rita Bean, Ph. D.
Professor Emerita, University of Pittsburgh
and Founding Member of WPC

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WOMEN
The Women’s Philanthropy Council is dedicated to furthering the role of women as leaders and active participants in Edinboro University and our community. The Council seeks to help shape the University’s future and to support its mission through the engagement of women who are alumni, faculty, staff, retirees and friends.

The Council has a fourfold fundraising goal:

1. To establish a permanently restricted endowment – Women’s Philanthropy Council Scholarship Endowment – to provide financial awards to deserving students.
2. To establish three annual restricted funds:
   a. Women’s Philanthropy Council Research Fund to annually award grants to students and faculty.
   b. Women’s Philanthropy Council Travel Abroad and Study Away Fund to annually award grants to students for study opportunities away and/or abroad.
   c. Women’s Philanthropy Council Leadership Fund to provide seed money to host nationally recognized women leaders on campus, support regional and national outreach events, support women faculty who have opportunities to participate in professional development activities, and serve as a source for funding to help advance the status of women at Edinboro University.

Mission
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Mentoring
In addition to fundraising, the Women’s Philanthropy Council is committed to mentoring students and connecting them to current women business leaders through internships and leadership days on campus.

The Council is also spreading the word of its work by hosting educational programs and social events regionally and nationally. In collaboration with the local Athena PowerLink organization, it hosts the Women to Women Networking Series to connect women leaders and those who aspire to lead so that, together, they can all achieve their full potential.

Pay It Forward
Membership is open to women who are seeking opportunities to help future women leaders as well as to create a sense of personal accomplishment. By supporting one of the following giving levels, you will become part of a group of dynamic and extraordinary women.

Giving Levels
- President’s Advisory Circle/Founder – make a minimum contribution of $25,000 payable over a five-year period. Members will serve as advisors to the President of the University.
- Corporate Partner – make a contribution of $2,500 - $5,000 annually from your business. You may designate your gift to either the scholarship endowment or one of the three annual restricted funds.
- Benefactor – pledge a minimum of $1,000 per year for five years ($5,000 total pledge) and provide leadership for the governance of the organization. All will be invited to serve as advisors to the President.
- Friend – give $500 - $1,000 annually. A limited number of Friends will be appointed to serve as advisors to the President.
- Associate – give $250 annually, or if you are a GOLD Alumna (Graduate Of the Last Decade), $100 annually. Associate members commit to engage more actively with the University through their attendance at events and programs and to support the University with an annual gift. A limited number of Associates will be appointed to serve as advisors to the President on an annual basis.
- Mentor – affiliate with the Women’s Philanthropy Council while you are a student. There is no fee to affiliate as a Mentor. Students serve on the Edinboro University President’s Commission for the Status of Women Committee or are recommended by the faculty from the Edinboro University Women’s Studies Committee.

“I am so grateful to have been awarded a scholarship from the Women’s Philanthropy Council for my study abroad experience in Berlin, Germany. Most college students want to study abroad, and I am fortunate to be able to achieve that dream. The generosity of this organization will ensure that my study abroad experience will impact my German skills and allow me to grow.”

Becki Leonard
One of three recipients of the WPC study abroad scholarship

“I think that young girls and ladies struggle with who they think they’re not; not smart or pretty or thin enough. I embrace every opportunity to share and mentor young ladies and let them know that they can do anything or be anyone they desire.”

Rose Horton
Director, Women and Children’s Services, Saint Vincent Hospital (Highmark), Corporate Partner Representative for WPC

“From the very beginning, I wasn’t meant to succeed. I grew up in a working-class family, where money was always tight. Regardless, I was determined to make something of myself, to take my future into my own hands... Edinboro became home, a community I became a part of, and an environment in which I thrived. I found direction, developed a passion for my major, achieved goals I never thought possible and now look to my future with high expectations, confident that I am capable of overcoming any obstacle I may be faced with.”

Tabitha Bemis
2014 Edinboro University graduate, Six-Time NCAA DII All American, Capital One Academic All American, Pete Nevins PSAC Scholar Athlete of the Year