

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Message from the Provost



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As we pass the midpoint of this transformative semester, I am deeply grateful for the exceptional dedication and contributions each of you has made toward advancing our Bold and Audacious Vision. Your commitment to academic excellence has resulted in record enrollment numbers and the successful launch of several critical initiatives that strengthen our institution's foundation and expand opportunities for our students. At Wiley University, we are both dreamers and doers. We envision what is possible, and then we execute with precision and purpose. The progress detailed in this newsletter—from the establishment of our Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence to new leadership appointments and innovative programming—reflects the collective effort of a faculty and staff united in transforming vision into reality.

Yet dreaming and doing are not enough without an unwavering commitment to quality. There is a quality imperative before us—a non-negotiable standard of excellence that must permeate everything we do. As we enter the final stretch of the semester, I encourage us all to remember: **one way or the other, you're going to finish—the question is, why not finish strong?** Let us continue to pour our energy, expertise, and passion into every student interaction, every class session, and every initiative that moves us closer to our shared vision of excellence.

Go forth INSPIRED!

Promotion Announcement

Assistant Vice President/Registrar - Ms. Gloria Mitchell



We are delighted to announce the promotion of **Ms. Gloria Mitchell** to Assistant Vice President/Registrar. Ms. Mitchell's promotion represents a remarkable journey of professional growth and institutional dedication spanning nearly 15 years at Wiley University. Ms. Mitchell began her career at Wiley as a records clerk and has advanced through progressively responsible positions including secretary, transcript specialist, assistant registrar, and most recently registrar. Her deep institutional knowledge, unwavering commitment to student success, and proven leadership in managing complex academic records systems make her exceptionally qualified for this expanded role. A proud Wiley alumna, Ms. Mitchell holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration, both from Wiley University, exemplifying the transformative power of the education we provide our students.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Mitchell has demonstrated excellence in implementing efficient registration processes, ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations, and maintaining the integrity of academic records. **Ms. Mitchell's promotion is essential to realizing our quality imperative.** Her meticulous attention to detail, commitment to accuracy, and systematic approach to records management ensure that the academic infrastructure supporting our students meets the highest standards of excellence. As we expand our enrollment and academic offerings, her leadership will be critical in maintaining the precision, compliance, and service quality that define institutional excellence.

In her new role as Assistant Vice President/Registrar, Ms. Mitchell will continue to oversee all registrar functions while providing executive-level leadership in academic policy development, enrollment management support, and technology integration initiatives that advance our Bold and Audacious Vision.

From the Desk of Prof. Morgan King, Assistant Provost for Academic Administration



Announcements:

- Academic Assessments will begin Oct. 13-17; 100% completion required by 11/26/25
- Academic Leadership meeting 11/13 11am-1pm
- Last Class Day 11/19, Concentrated Study period is 11/20 (No Classes)
- Final exam period: 11/21-11/25- Finals must be administered according to the modality of the course
- Final grades are due in MyWiley by Thursday, December 4, 2025, COB. Please be sure your faculty has access to MyWiley. If they do not, you must collect their grades and provide them to AP King (prior to the deadline).
- Professional Development period 12/1/25-12/23/25. 12/15/25-12/23/25 (virtual, not off).

From the Desk of Dr. Ouida McAfee - Assistant Provost for Innovation



Faculty Opportunities/Resources

1. Research grants - [Dissertation](#)
2. [Fulbright Specialist Program](#)

Link to the Minnie Piper (internal application)
<https://forms.office.com/r/tFBdrTVjrp>



From the Desk of Dr. Brandon Lacey, Sr., Dean of Graduate & Online Studies



Adult Degree Completion Program: Year in Review

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Expansion

Wiley University revised its CPL policy to better support adult learners who bring valuable professional and life experience to their studies. Through portfolio assessments, students can now receive credit for work, military, volunteer, and self-directed learning. Currently, three Wiley faculty are credentialed through the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) to guide this process, ensuring adult learners can accelerate their degree completion without repeating knowledge they already possess.

Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society – Iota Omega Chapter

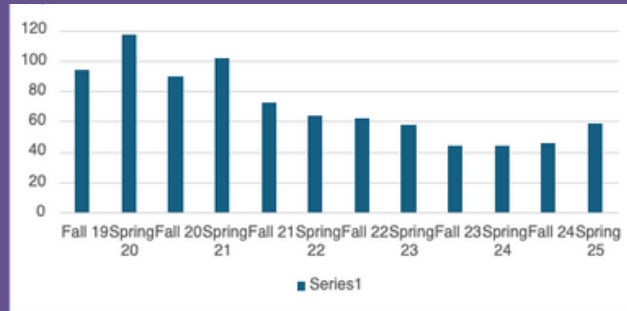
In January 2025, Wiley proudly became home to the Iota Omega chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the premier honor society for non-traditional students. The society recognizes adult learners who demonstrate academic excellence while managing the demands of work and family. A virtual induction ceremony held on August 10 welcomed Wiley's inaugural class of inductees, each maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher and completing at least 24 Wiley credit hours. This milestone not only elevates student recognition but also provides access to national scholarships.

Enrollment Trends and Resiliency

Like many institutions, Wiley's Adult Degree Completion Program faced challenges following 2021, including stronger competition from other universities, pandemic-related shifts to online education, and reduced tuition reimbursement from employers. Despite these obstacles, enrollment is showing positive growth. After dipping to 44 students in Fall 2023, the program rebounded to 59 by Spring 2025 — a sign of renewed momentum and the enduring demand for adult education.

Adult Degree Completion Program: Year in Review (cont'd)

ADCP Semester Enrollment: Comparison Chart



2025 Virtual Honors Convocation

For the first time, the Adult Degree Completion Program hosted a Virtual Honors Convocation on April 1, 2025. The event, streamed on YouTube, celebrated graduate and undergraduate online students who achieved placement on the President's List, Dean's List, and Faculty List. Each honoree also received a digital certificate, ensuring that the accomplishments of Wiley's online learners are recognized and celebrated even from afar.



Scan the code to reference the 2025 Virtual Honors Convocation:



Grant Announcement

Wiley University has been awarded \$100,000 annually for three years (\$300,000 total) through the Arise & Shine Texas HBCU Transformation Project administered by BranchED. This three-year initiative is designed to strengthen, grow, and amplify the impact of our educator preparation programs through catalytic funding and collaborative support. The project officially launches October 7-9, 2025, in Round Rock, TX, where our team will join a Community of Practice focused on program improvement and begin developing our Individualized Transformation Plan.



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