The WCU University Participant (UP) Program: A Postsecondary Learning Model for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

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Community Partnerships and Funding Highlights

Current WCU Partnerships

- Residential Living
- Disability Services
- College of Education and Allied Professions
- WCU Foundation (for donations)
- Undergraduate Admissions
- WCU Office of Service Learning
- Educational Outreach (for UP Certificate)
- Department of Human Services
- Various WCU employers
Established Job Partnerships

- Kneedler Daycare Center
- First Methodist Childcare Center
- Hunter Library
- Department of Human Services
- Campus Greenhouse
- Facilities Management
- Student Mailroom
- Catamount Clothing Store
- Recreation Center

Ways to Recruit Volunteers

- Service learning opportunities
- Class or program specific assignments, building resume
- Developmental therapy/CAP funding
- AmeriCorps scholarships
- Internal and external grant funds
- Work study positions
- Internships
Volunteer Supports

- Duties include:
  - Coordinating drop off and pick up with other supports
  - Job coaching
  - Communicating with family members
  - Natural support during campus activities
  - Teaching lessons for personal development course
  - Personal care assistance
  - Cooking and budgeting (independent living skills)
  - Suitemate care

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Current Community Partnerships

- North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation
- North Carolina Assistive Technology Program
- Haywood County Schools
- Parents
- The Arc of Haywood County
- Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy
- Disability Partners

Current Satellite Partnerships

- Appalachian State University
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Other community colleges will be added after mini grant competition on July 1
Funding and Scholarships

- Students pay normal tuition and fees
- Scholarships and coordination support through Walmart Foundation/Arc of Haywood County
- Community Alternative Program (CAP) if applicable
- Donations from individuals and community
- Volunteers providing natural supports
- Vocational Rehabilitation funding (if eligible)

Questions?
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