



Institute for
Women's Leadership
Nichols College

2015-16 Events

- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ September 22, 2015**
Dinner gathering where students have the opportunity to meet and network with visiting professionals in a comfortable, conversational setting. Guest at this dinner: Manager of Marketing and Sales in the tourism industry.
- **IWL Open House ~ September 30, 2015**
Students were welcomed to IWL for refreshments and to learn more about IWL's activities and plans.
- **Student Lean In Circle (inaugural) ~ October 7, 2015**
Launch of the Women of Nichols Lean In Circle, joining a network of thousands of Circles from around the world offering opportunity for learning, support and connections with other women.
- **Professional Advisory Board Fall Meeting ~ October 14, 2015**
The Professional Advisory Board met with IWL staff and students to discuss plans for IWL.
- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ October 20, 2015**
Guest: leadership development consultant/human resources director.
- **College Connection Mentoring Program/Part I ~ October 28, 2015**
Nichols students spent the day mentoring a group of high school juniors on: visioning their future, networking, and assertive communication. Made possible in part by grant from American Association of University Women.
- **Gender Documentary Film Series: "Miss Representation" ~ November 2, 2015**
Award-winning movie about the impact of how girls and women are portrayed in the media.
- **Student Lean In Circle ~ November 4, 2015**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female students.
- **Awareness Auction ~ November 5, 2015**
Created and run by hospitality management students. Male and female students visited "knowledge booths" to earn tickets by learning facts about women's leadership, then used tickets to bid on auction prizes.
- **Creative Entrepreneurship / Conversation Project ~ November 11, 2015**
Female jewelry entrepreneur visited campus and set up a "pop-up" shop in IWL. Students dropped in to discuss her journey of creative entrepreneurship, and joined a lunchtime Conversation Project.
- **\$tart \$mart Negotiation Workshop ~ November 12, 2015**
An interactive workshop for college women, imparting confidence and skills needed to earn fair compensation.
- **Gender Documentary Film Series: "The Mask We Live In" ~ November 2, 2015**
Award-winning movie about the impact of the narrow view of masculinity, and the pressures on boys and men.
- **Worcester Chamber of Commerce: Women's Information Network Luncheon ~ November 17, 2015**
Faculty Director Jean Beaupre was speaker at luncheon; also attended by a group of Nichols students.
- **First-Year Students Dinner ~ November 17, 2015**
The IWL Student Advisory Panel hosted a get-to-know-you catered dinner for all female first-year students.
- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ November 18, 2015**
Guest: superintendent of correctional facility.
- **Student Lean In Circle ~ December 2, 2015**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female students.
- **Massachusetts Conference for Women in Boston ~ December 10, 2015**
A group of students represented Nichols College at the largest women's conference in the country.

- **Staff/Faculty Lean In Circle ~ February 1, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female staff and faculty members.
- **Student Lean In Circle ~ February 3, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female students.
- **Webinar: “Kick up Your Confidence” ~ February 11, 2016**
In the IWL suite, students attended a webinar on self-confidence put on by the Center for Women & Enterprise.
- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ February 16, 2016**
Guest: group sales manager for minor league baseball team.
- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ February 29, 2016**
Guest: executive director of a nonprofit organization
- **Student Lean In Circle ~ March 2, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female students.
- **Staff/Faculty Lean In Circle ~ March 7, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female staff and faculty members.
- **College Connection Mentoring Program/Part II ~ March 9, 2016**
Nichols students mentored high school juniors on: searching, applying to, and attending college. The day was capped off with a guest speaker and College Connection graduation. Made possible in part by grant from AAUW.
- **Guest Speaker Katlyn Grasso ~ March 9, 2016**
Recent college graduate and founder/CEO of GenHERation, activist, and entrepreneur Katlyn Grasso.
- **6th Annual Empowering Women in Business Conference ~ March 24, 2016**
A day of networking, workshops, and inspiration attracting local professionals. This year’s keynote speaker was Adrienne Haslet-Davis, ballroom dancer and survivor of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Workshop topics included resilient leadership and financial planning for women. Students serve as hosts and volunteers.
- **Creative Entrepreneurship: Field Trip to Crompton Collective~ March 30, 2016**
Visited creative shopping community, the Crompton Collective, in Worcester, MA and met with its founder.
- **Campus Leadership Summit ~ April 3, 2016**
In conjunction with other departments on campus, a student-centered, facilitated day of brainstorming and developing new ideas to bring to campus. Students applied to participate as delegates.
- **Staff/Faculty Lean In Circle ~ April 4, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female staff and faculty members.
- **Student Lean In Circle ~ April 6, 2016**
Monthly gathering for learning, support and connection with other female students.
- **Gender Awareness Week ~ April 11-15, 2016**
To raise awareness of gender pay gaps, leadership gaps, and the benefits of diversity. Activities include an Equal Pay Day bake sale, at which men will pay \$1.00 and women 75¢ to raise awareness of the gaps in pay.
- **Conversation Project Dinner ~ April 12, 2016**
Guest: CFO of a biotechnology firm
- **Worcester Women’s Leadership Conference ~ April 14, 2016**
A group of students represent Nichols College at the Worcester Women’s Leadership Conference.
- **A Celebration of the Women of the Class of 2016 ~ April 18, 2016**
A festive gathering for the senior women, to reflect on their experiences, and celebrate their accomplishments.
- **Networking Workshop ~ April 27, 2016**
A brainstorming and information sharing session between the IWL Professional Advisory Board and Student Advisory Panel on networking -- best practices, tips, and how to best prepare students to network effectively.