University Life
Land & Labor Acknowledgement

We recognize and acknowledge that the University of Pennsylvania stands on the Indigenous territory known as “Lenapehoking,” the traditional homelands of the Lenape, also called Lenni-Lenape or Delaware Indians.

These are the people who, during the 1680s, negotiated with William Penn to facilitate the founding of the colony of Pennsylvania. Their descendants today include the Delaware Tribe and Delaware Nation of Oklahoma; the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Ramapough Lenape, and Powhatan Renape of New Jersey; and the Munsee Delaware of Ontario.

We recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institution are built. We remember that our country was built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the US from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors.

We also acknowledge all immigrant and indigenous labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force.
University Life Departments
Creating the Student Experience Outside the Classroom
175 University Life Team Members

681 Student Employees (~300 student tutors)
About University Life

University Life nurtures an inclusive campus environment where students grow intellectually, engage in meaningful experiential opportunities, and deepen intercultural and interpersonal understanding in preparation for a life of meaning and purpose.
University Life's Guiding Principles

A Life of Meaning & Purpose

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & A Sense of Belonging

Organizational Effectiveness

A Culture of Care & Support
University Life "Clusters"

University Life is organized into four, distinct clusters. Each cluster aligns with one of University Life's four Guiding Principles. As a collective division, the clusters are responsible for partnering to create an inclusive and engaging student experience and campus environment.
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Organizational Effectiveness
Vice Provost’s Strategic Initiatives

Community Service
Lunch by the Dozen
University Life On-Boarding
Strategic Gift Priorities

Enjoy lunch & casual conversation with University Life leadership.

Sign Up!
Thank you!

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