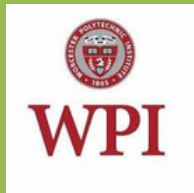




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## Why did you choose to become an UPCEA Member?

I was invited to participate in the first UPCEA Online Leadership Roundtable in Boston several years ago. WPI was not yet a member and that conference was a game changer for me. It felt like I had found my people! UPCEA brings those of us working in continuing, online, and professional education together and provides us with opportunities to collaborate in a way that no other organization offers.

## How has your UPCEA Membership contributed to the success of your college or university?

UPCEA has provided us with numerous opportunities to connect with, and learn from our peers doing the same type of work at other institutions. The peer-to-peer learning is incredible and has helped us to develop and implement proposals for new programs.

We frequently use CORE (member networking platform) to solicit input and feedback from our colleagues. Having the ability to reach out to such a broad network of expertise quickly and easily is amazing! UPCEA members are so willing to share their own experience and expertise, it truly is a community.

We've also received several UPCEA awards - a tremendous boost to our team and to the awareness of the university overall, which is incredibly valuable as a small, private institution that is not well known nationally.

Stacy is responsible for developing and implementing the strategy for student-centric education programs targeted toward PT working professionals and other non-traditional students at WPI, as well as the implementation and execution of all online and corporate education programs.



## Which membership benefits have been most impactful?

I make the most of my UPCEA Institutional Membership by taking every opportunity to collaborate with peers and work with experts in this field. I personally volunteer for the Regional Committee, taking an active role, this year as Membership Coordinator and previously as Chair. The volunteer work has provided me the opportunity to connect to the UPCEA National office and colleagues from other institutions outside of our region, growing my network. I encourage my team to participate in the conferences, including submitting proposals for concurrent sessions, and to consider volunteer opportunities as well.

- Access to a broad network of expertise through CORE
- Regional and national conferences with informative concurrent sessions and excellent general sessions
- Professional development opportunities
- Research and policy updates

## Would you recommend an UPCEA Institutional Membership?

I recommend that any University that currently offers online or continuing education programs or is considering offering them in the future should be an Institutional Member. The access to research, education industry information, consulting services and the incredible network of members is well worth the annual membership fee. It is invaluable to be able to talk with colleagues and leverage their experience and expertise when trying to develop and implement online and continuing education programming.



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