



### Peer Leaders

All students are assigned to a Peer Leader, a successful graduate of The WellsLink Leadership Program, who assists them with the college transition.



### Motivational Reception with Barry L. Wells

The entire WellsLink cohort attends a formal dinner with a keynote address by Barry L. Wells, for whom the program is named. Wells was the inaugural director of SU's Office of Minority Affairs and former senior vice president and dean of student affairs.

### Academic Consultants

Academic Consultants work together with the students to develop personalized action plans to improve time management skills, reduce stress, study effectively, and stay accountable for achieving goals.



### Sunday Foundations Seminars

Each session addresses key elements for socially and academically transitioning to the first year of college life.



### Academic Intensive Plan

Students who achieved less than a 2.8 GPA in the fall semester are provided with more guided assistance in meeting their academic goals.



### Community Building

WellsLink staff facilitates various activities throughout the year to build a greater sense of community.



### Transitions Ceremony

A formal ceremony honoring WellsLink Scholars from the previous year who have successfully transitioned to their second year at SU.

### Spring Reception/End-of-the-Year Celebration

This event honors students who have demonstrated academic excellence and exceptional leadership on campus and in the larger Syracuse community.

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Norman & Edith Weisfeld  
Barry L. Wells & Claudette McGowan-Wells  
Macy's  
Morgan Stanley



**572** WellsLink Scholars Total  
(2003-2012)

**After first year with WellsLink:**

WellsLink Scholars earned a cumulative GPA of

**3.14**

(2003-2012)

**96%**

of WellsLink Scholars returned to SU for their 2nd year

**18** Remembrance Scholars

**3** School and College Marshals

**3** Class Marshals

**84%**

**Graduation Rate for WellsLink Scholars**

(2003-2007)

Data provided by Syracuse University's Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

The WellsLink logo represents the interconnected ideal of administration, faculty, staff and students in the university community; the "familial ties" of WellsLink members; engagement of upperclassmen with first-year students; and the critical connections between academic and co-curricular elements, which The WellsLink Leadership Program transfers into leadership capital for all our students. Our signature link was created to symbolize the interdependence that is nurtured in the WellsLink experience; and excellence in every area of competence for the student.

## Highlights from 2003-2013

### 2003

Dr. James K. Duah-Agyeman (Dr. D) and Dr. Paul M. Buckley establish The WellsLink Program in the 2003-2004 academic year, enrolling 32 first-year students of color.

### 2004

First cohort of WellsLink Peer Leaders to include participants from inaugural cohort of WellsLink Scholars.

Jocellie E. Marquez, BS '08 starts as the first WellsLink Intern and serves until she graduates.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lamont Flowers, professor at Clemson University and executive director, Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education.

### 2005

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dennis Kimbro, educator, best-selling author, and professor at Clark Atlanta University School of Business Administration.

### 2006

WellsLink wins a 2006 NASPA Excellence Award.

Wayne A. Horton BA '07, JD '11 is the first WellsLink Scholar to be elected as the Student Association president.

A team of WellsLink Scholars wins the Diversity Business Summit Case Study Competition.

Savannah E. Marion BA '07 is the first WellsLink Scholar to earn a Remembrance Scholarship.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Les Brown, renowned motivational speaker, speaking coach, best-selling author, and television personality.

### 2007

The inaugural class of WellsLink Scholars graduates from Syracuse University.

The WellsLink Program's name is modified to The WellsLink Leadership Program.

The WellsLink Cabinet sponsors a "WellsLink Family Reunion" that reconnects WellsLink upperclassmen.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ben Carson, internationally renowned neurosurgeon, professor at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom.

### 2008

The WellsLink Class Council initiative is instituted.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Rosa Clemente, grassroots organizer, hip-hop activist, journalist, and entrepreneur, vice presidential candidate of the Green Party in 2008.

### 2009

Timeka N. Williams, BA '10 is the first WellsLink Scholar to be selected as a Senior Class Marshal.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Deryck A. Palmer '78, partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Syracuse University trustee.

### 2010

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Steve Perry, founder and principal of Capital Prep Magnet School, best-selling author and CNN education contributor.

### 2011

WellsLink enrollment reaches its highest level with 87 students.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Charlene Teters, professor, Institute of American Indian Arts, founding board member of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and the Media (NCRSM).

### 2012

The 10th WellsLink cohort is enrolled in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Jeff Chang, Journalist, American Book Award winner, and executive director, Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University.

### 2013

10th WellsLink cohort transitions at the 10th annual WellsLink Transitions Ceremony on November 1, 2013.

Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, University Distinguished Professor, Virginia Tech.



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