



Division of
Student Affairs



Connections

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Financial Aid



THE 2024-2025 FAFSA IS OPEN!

VISIT [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov) TO COMPLETE
YOUR 2024-2025 FAFSA

Residence Halls

Room Changes for Spring 2024

Room Changes for Spring 2024 will end on Monday, April 29, 2024. Until then, students can log in to the housing portal to request a room change.

May Closing

All residence halls will close at 5 pm on Friday, May 10th. Students living on campus should plan to depart 24 hours after their last final or by 5 pm on Friday, May 10, whichever comes first. Students who need to stay on campus for graduation should make a request with the hall staff to stay past the closing of the residence halls. As a reminder, all students must completely move out of their residence hall. Even if a student has reclaimed the same room for 2024 – 2025, they are required to vacate their room during the summer. Hall staff will have meetings in the coming weeks to review closing procedures.

2024 – 2025 Room Assignments

Room Selection for continuing students for 2024 – 2025 is in its final stages. For continuing students:

- If students have selected a room for 2024 – 2025, they can change their selection until June 1, 2024. Students can change rooms in the housing portal until June 1, 2024. After June 1, no changes will be permitted until room changes begin in the Fall 2024 semester.
- If students have not yet selected a room and are eligible to do so (*they have a completed 2024 – 2025 Residence Hall Agreement*), they should

visit Residential Living in Brown Hall during regular business hours to obtain an assignment. They can also call 828-227-7303 and obtain an assignment over the phone.

- If students have completed a wait list agreement and are waiting for on-campus housing, we will provide an update to everyone on the wait list on May 1, 2024. Students on the wait list are highly encouraged to explore off-campus housing options as we will not be able to house everyone on the wait list on campus next year. Students who are on the wait list and remove themselves before being offered a space on campus will have their housing deposit refunded to them.

Any student with an assignment, completed Residence Hall Agreement, or Wait List agreement who is no longer planning to attend WCU for Fall 2024 or who intends to live off campus should submit a Housing Cancellation Request by June 1, 2024, to avoid the \$1,000.00 Housing Cancellation Fee.

POLICY 96

Reminder

- » Two-year on-campus residency requirement announced per WCU Policy 96
- » Students impacted by this decision should not sign a lease for an off-campus housing provider for the 2024 – 2025 academic year.

Keep checking your catamount email for updates.



Welcome to the
Western Carolina
University

Off-Campus Housing Website

[View Rentals](#)



APRIL & MAY EVENTS

4.10	GRILLZILLA	Catamount Café	3:00p-6:00p
4.12	National Grilled Cheese Day	Catamount Café	Lunch
4.22-4.26	Limited Time Only Jackfruit	Catamount Café	Lunch
4.22-4.26	Earth Week		
4.26	National Pretzel Day	Catamount Café	Lunch
4.30	Birthday Celebration	Catamount Café	Lunch
5.2	Citrus Fest	Catamount Café	Lunch
5.6	Midnight Breakfast	Catamount Cafe	10:30p-12:30a

  @wucampusdining | dining.wcu.edu



Message from Undergraduate Admission


Western Carolina University
CAT EYES CLUB
Recruit Top Talent. Recruit a Catamount.

Hey, proud WCU parent!

We know that seeing your student happy at Western Carolina University brings a smile to your face. Why not spread that joy by joining our *Cat Eyes Club*? As a member, you can share your passion for WCU with prospective students and earn some cool gear along the way! Sign up for an upcoming interest meeting in April, May, or June - it will only take 30 minutes of your time. Let's recruit some top talent together and show off our Catamount pride! Sign up [HERE](#) today, and let's make a difference!

Summer School



Summer Classes

WCU is offering several unique and exciting summer 2024 opportunities. Students will enjoy small classes, the chance to explore new subjects, fulfill liberal studies requirements or even lighten their course load.

Summer registration for current students is similar to the fall and spring registration process. They must meet with their academic or faculty advisor

to review the proposed summer and fall schedule and obtain a PIN for registration. Visiting students must complete the application process before registering. For additional information, visit [Summer School](#).

Summer Student Housing

Summer Housing will be available for students attending summer school starting June 2, 2024, for those taking a class during Summer 1 or the entire summer. To access a residence hall agreement for Summer 2024, students should complete the Qualtrics survey sent to them via email. Summer housing will be in Noble Hall, and there will only be double-occupancy rooms available. All students living in Noble for the summer must also select a meal plan. Please contact Residential Living with questions or for more information at housingquestions@wcu.edu.

Stay PAWSitive.

Spring is here and the semester is winding down. It is important to continue to pay attention to your wellness! We've listed some of the campus events happening this month to help you lean on WCU's community to help you "Stay PAWSitive" and well in April.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Wellness
4/3	VARIOUS	SPRING LITERARY FESTIVAL	UC THEATER	INTELLECTUAL
4/3	6:00 PM	MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION (PSYCHOLOGY CLUB)	KILLIAN 304	SPIRITUAL
4/5	1:00 PM	WCU TENNIS VS WOFFORD	TENNIS COMPLEX	SOCIAL
4/6	8:00 AM	CATAMOUNT CLIMB HALF MARATHON & 5K	CATAFOUNT	PHYSICAL
4/9	VARIOUS	WCU SOFTBALL SERIES VS USC UPSTATE	SOFTBALL COMPLEX	SOCIAL
4/11	6:30 PM	INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE POTLUCK & RWANDAN CULTURE PRESENTATION	CAMP 134	SOCIAL
4/15	10:00 AM	SPRING CRAFT FAIR	CATAFOUNT	ENVIRONMENTAL
4/16	5:00 PM	WCU BASEBALL GAME VS. APP STATE	HENNON STADIUM	SOCIAL
4/17	12:00 PM	INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL	CATAFOUNT	SOCIAL
4/18	11:00 AM	SUMMER JOBS FEST	CAMPUS QUAD	OCCUPATIONAL
4/18	11:00 AM	CCPD CAREER CARNIVAL	UC LAWN	OCCUPATIONAL
4/18	7:00 PM	WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL	UC THEATER	ENVIRONMENTAL
4/18-21	VARIOUS	LEGALLY BLONDE	UNIV. AUDITORIUM	SOCIAL
4/19	11:00 AM	POT AND PONDER	UC FOUNTAIN	EMOTIONAL
4/19-20	VARIOUS	WCU TRACK & FIELD – CATAMOUNT CLASSIC	WCU TRACK COMPLEX	SOCIAL
4/20	9:00 AM	TUCK RIVER CLEANUP	CATAFOUNT	ENVIRONMENTAL
4/22	1:00 PM	UPCYCLE	CATAFOUNT	ENVIRONMENTAL
4/26	2:00 PM	FIELD DAY	THE ROCKS LAWN	EMOTIONAL
4/27	8:00 AM	GREENING UP THE MOUNTAINS	DOWNTOWN SYLVA	ENVIRONMENTAL
4/30	11:30 AM	CUP OF UNI-TEA	ICA LOUNGE	SOCIAL



Schedule of Campus Events

CD Craft Night

**APRIL 9
7PM-10PM
UC GRAND ROOM**

Decorate free vintage CDs
(craft supplies provided)

Western Carolina University Campus Activities ENGAGE discover events with cora LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

**Spring
FLING**

Apr 10, 2024 | 3-9 PM | Catafount, Courtyard, & Blue Ridge Lawn

Aramark's Grillzilla & Kona Ice 3-6 PM
Free Craft & Swag Items (while supplies last)
DJ from 5-9 PM
Yard Games

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**40th Annual
Tuck River
Cleanup
SATURDAY
APRIL 20**

Nantahala Outdoor Center

ONSITE REGISTRATION: CENTRAL PLAZA, WCU
RAFTING REGISTRATION: 9am-11am (limited to 500 people)
WALKER REGISTRATION: 10am-11am (limited to 30 people)
FREE T-SHIRT
 for the first 300 volunteers!
FREE DOOR PRIZE ENTRY WITH REGISTRATION!
 (Must be present to receive)

Western Carolina University Campus Recreation and Wellness



Have a concern? *Let us know.*

1. Whether your concern is about behavior on campus, a specific student's wellness, or a general comment about university processes or procedures, you can find our reporting forms by scanning the QR code here or visit dsa.wcu.edu/report to get started.
2. Select your report type and complete as much information as you can. Be as detailed as possible.
3. Attach any documents that you feel are relevant to the incident you are reporting, such as photos, videos, screenshots of text messages, etc.
4. Our caring staff will take it from here! We will follow up appropriately on every report.



NOTES: Confused about what kind of report to submit? Do your best! As long as we get the information, we will route it appropriately. Under most circumstances, WCU staff cannot disclose any information about a case after a report has been submitted. We may not be able to keep your identity anonymous.



STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND



Student
Affairs

We don't want
UNEXPECTED expenses
to keep you from being
a successful student!



If you're facing **unexpected, unforeseen, & urgent** expenses you may be eligible for the Student Affairs Emergency Fund.

For more details and to apply, visit [DOS.wcu.edu](https://dos.wcu.edu)

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Dates and Deadlines



April 13 - Spring Football Game

April 17 - International Festival

April 23 - Excellence Leadership Awards

May 3 - Last Day of Classes

May 6 - 10 - Finals Week

May 10 - Graduate Commencement

May 11 - Undergraduate Commencement

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