



Division of  
Student Affairs



# Connections

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## January 2023



**Residence Hall Re-Opening**

## Spring Semester Opening

Residence Halls opened for the Spring 2023 Semester on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

New students will check in directly at their residence hall to receive their room key. Staff will be available in the residence hall between 8 am and 8 pm.

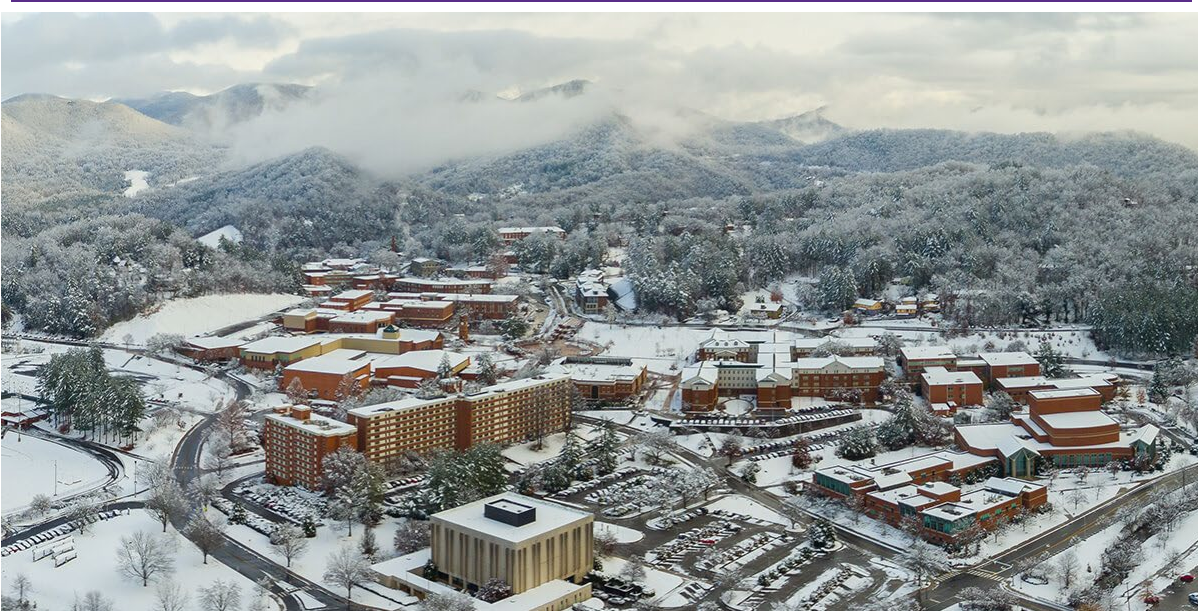
Continuing students can return to their residence hall anytime. There is no sign-up for move-in times.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Residential Living at [housingquestions@email.wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@email.wcu.edu). Students should return and claim their rooms by Tuesday, January 17, at 5 pm.

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## Academic Actions and Housing

Students suspended due to academic performance and not granted an appeal should move out of their residence hall before the start of the Spring 2023 semester. The Department of Residential Living began contacting impacted students on January 9, 2023.



## 2023-2024 Room Selection for Continuing Students

Information about room selection for the 2023 – 2024 academic year will be sent to your students. The first step is for students to pay a non-refundable \$150.00 housing deposit. This can be paid either through their MyWCU account or at the Student Accounts office. Residential Living encourages students to pay this deposit by Friday, February 17, 2023, to ensure it processes in time for students to complete their Housing Agreement when it opens on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Students should check their catamount email for more information and announcements.

### Policy 96 Reminder

Students classified as first-time, full-time freshmen and first enrolled at WCU in the Summer or Fall of 2022 are reminded that they are subject to WCU Policy 96, which requires them to live on campus for their first four academic semesters or two academic years. Therefore, students should plan to participate in the continuing student room selection process unless they apply for and are approved for a Residency Exemption. Students are also reminded that Residency Exemptions must be requested and approved each academic year and that students are subject to WCU Policy 96.

### Policy 96

## The Elements of Wellness

### *Social*



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# MLK JR. CELEBRATION WEEK

JANUARY 16-20



## Building **A LEGACY** of LEADERSHIP

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Check out the full list of events at [mlkjr.wcu.edu](http://mlkjr.wcu.edu)



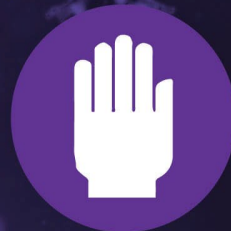
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For assistance via Zoom, email finaid@wcu.edu.

# Cards Against Hypnosis

Jan. 19 | 8PM | UC Grand Room



with David Hall



@WCU Campus Activities

1 / 26 / 23  
7 - 10 pm

*Selfie Room*

UC Grand Room  
& UC Illusions

Western Carolina University  
Campus Activities


LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

# THE GREAT DUBOIS

MASTERS OF VARIETY


Jan. 30th | 8PM | UC Grand Room

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**safezone**  
LGBTQ+ AWARENESS & ALLY TRAINING

SPRING 2023 WORKSHOP DATES

**PART 1:**  
Wed., Jan. 25 | 2-4pm | Cardinal  
Thurs., Feb. 16 | 5-7pm | Virtual  
Tues., March 14 | 10am-12pm | Cardinal  
Wed., April 12 | 5-7pm | Virtual

**PART 2:**  
Wed., Feb. 1 | 2-4pm | Cardinal  
Thurs., Feb. 23 | 5-7pm | Virtual  
Tues., March 21 | 10am-12pm | Cardinal  
Wed., April 19 | 5-7pm | Virtual

**TO REGISTER, VISIT:**  
[SAFEZONE.WCU.EDU](http://SAFEZONE.WCU.EDU)

PHASE 3  
**YOGA**  
CERTIFICATION

Learn advanced yoga techniques in a 1-day workshop with instructor Jennifer Miller




REGISTER HERE

SAT. JAN. 28, 2023  
9AM-5PM | CRC  
\$99




Schedule of Campus Events



**APPLY TO  
BE AN RA  
TODAY**

Take a step **↑** and join us as a Resident Assistant (RA)!

To learn more about the position check out our Resource Guide 

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For further instructions, scan our QR code



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New Student Orientation



Become an Orientation Counselor

- Housing & Meal Plan provided during session
- FREE WCU Apparel
- Hiring is open now and training will start in the Spring

Submit your Resume :



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**WHY CHOOSE CATAMOUNT DINING?**





- \$12.00** starting minimum wage
- FREE MEAL** with every shift
- HEALTH BENEFITS** available
- REFERRAL BONUSES** available
- PROMOTIONAL** opportunities
- FLEXIBLE** schedules



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## Dates and Deadlines

- January 12** - Residence Halls Open
- January 16** - MLK, Jr. Holiday, No Classes
- January 17** - Classes Begin
- January 23** - Last Day to Drop or Add a Class
- January 23** - Drop for Non-Payment
- February 1** - Scholarship Applications Due

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## Residence Hall Room Selection

**Room Selection for 2023 – 2024 starts this month!** Your students have received information in their suite mailboxes on campus and are getting reminders in the catamount email. Be sure they check their catamount email for updates! Below are some important notes and dates.

To participate in room selection, all students must first pay the non-refundable Continuing Student Housing Deposit of **\$150.00**. This can be paid in their MyWCU account or in person at Student Accounts. Students are encouraged to pay the deposit by **Friday, February 17, 2023**, in order to ensure it is processed in time to have first access to the Housing Agreement. Continuing student room selection priority for the Open Room Selection date is determined by the date the Residence Hall Agreement is completed.

### Dates:

- **Tuesday, February 21** – Residence Hall Agreement opens at 8:30 am
- **Tuesday, February 28** – Same Room Selection
  - For eligible students to reclaim their current room for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.
  - Students who are not eligible to reclaim their rooms received notices in January. Please note that students who complete room changes this semester may change into a room that is not eligible for reclaim. We will email affected students each Friday.
  - Log in time for this selection is 9:00 am through 10:00 pm.
  - If a student does not log in and reclaim their room on this date and during this time, they will lose the opportunity to reclaim their room.
- **Wednesday, March 1** – Same Room Selection Roommate Pull-in
  - Students who reclaimed their room can pull in any preferred roommates to open spaces in their room or suite.
  - Log in time for this selection is 9:00 am through 10:00 pm.

- Students who reclaimed can pull in any continuing student who has paid the housing deposit and completed their Housing Agreement.
- **Tuesday, March 14** – Honors Room Selection & Roommate Pull-in
- **Saturday, March 18** – Open Room Selection & Roommate Pull-in

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with Alex Fields, Associate Director Residence Life



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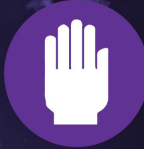
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TAKE AND MAKE

February 8th  
UC Illusions  
6 PM  
RSVP on Engage

Western Carolina University | Campus Recreation | Engage | Facebook | Instagram | Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube

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&  
KARA OKE

Feb. 9th  
8pm  
@  
UC Grandroom

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**SPEED dating**

Make Friends or find something more **ENGAGE**

UC Grandroom sessions  
starting at 4PM  
February 14th

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**LAST MINUTE IDOL**

UC ILLUSIONS 8PM

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**EVERY BODY MATTERS**

*love your body week*  
February 20-24

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
*Diet Culture*  
6pm | Water Rock Lobby

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
*What do you love about your body?*  
11am-1pm | UC Lawn

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
*Love Your Body Week Yoga*  
5:30pm | Campus Recreation Center

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
*Love notes*  
11am-1pm | UC Central Plaza

A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE T-SHIRTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

Western Carolina University | Campus Recreation | Engage | Facebook | Instagram | Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube

**ROCK & RUMBLE**  
BOULDERING COMPETITION

**SATURDAY, FEB. 25**  
9AM-6PM

\$25 in advance | \$35 day of event

Register online at [myrec.wcu.edu](http://myrec.wcu.edu) or at the Adventure Shop

Western Carolina University | Campus Recreation and Wellness | Engage | Facebook | Instagram | Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube

### Schedule of Campus Events



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**February 17** - Student Housing Deposit Due

**February 20 - 24** - Love Your Body Week

**February 21** - Residence Hall Agreement Opens

**February 21** - Advising Day

**February 28** - Same Room Selection

**March 6 - 10** - Spring Break

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Room Selection for 2023 – 2024 is underway! Current or Continuing Students should have already paid their housing deposit and completed their housing agreement. If your student hasn't done these yet, be sure to have them do them as soon as possible. Students can go to their MyWCU account and select the "Fall 2023 Continuing Student Housing Deposit" in the special payments menu to pay their housing deposit. To complete the housing agreement, students can log in at [onlinehousing.wcu.edu](http://onlinehousing.wcu.edu) and click "2023 – 2024 Housing Agreement." Note that students must pay their deposit to have access to the agreement!

The first room selection dates have already taken place for students who wanted to remain in the same room for 2023 – 2024 and could pull in roommates or suitemates to their rooms with them.

Room selection dates pick up again upon return from Spring Break. These dates are Honor's Selection on Tuesday, March 14, for students in the Brinson Honors College who want to select a room in Balsam or Blue Ridge Halls, and then we finish with Open Room Selection on Saturday, March 18. For those choosing a room on Saturday, March 18,

a log-in time will be sent to their catamount email address on Friday, March 17.

Once all students can select a room for 2023 – 2024, we will open the portal for open room changes. Students unsatisfied with their chosen room can log in and change their room until June 1, 2023. We will notify all students when the portal opens for room changes.

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with Sibley Bryan, Director of the Mathematics Tutoring Center and Travis Bulluck, Director of Academic Advising

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- Wednesday, March 15
- Thursday, March 23
- Wednesday, March 29

[More Information](#)

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADUATING?  
HERE IS THE SESSION FOR YOU!**

## **GRADUATION 101**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
Graduation Office (Registrar) & Distance Learning  
7:30pm EST - Zoom  
Meeting ID: 838 9957 2729



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**LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT**  
**MARCH 14**

Enjoy FREE tacos and discuss this year's OneBook "Normal Sucks"

**11:30am - 1:00pm**  
**ICA Lounge, UC 227**

**DRAG SHOW**

Starring **MAYHEM MILLER**

with **Katherine SynGlaire** and **DJ ReXxstep**

**MARCH 17 | 8PM | RAMSEY CENTER**  
 FREE FOR WCU STUDENTS, \$5 FOR STAFF & PUBLIC

CRW will be hosting the first annual bench press competition.

**ANNUAL BENCH PRESS WCU BENCH MADNESS COMPETITION**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
**2 - 5PM**

Register today at [myrec.wcu.edu](http://myrec.wcu.edu)  
 5 Different Wave Times Available!

Registration closes at noon on Friday, March 17

**Astrology Night**  
**3/21/23**  
**UC Grand Room**  
**7pm - 10pm**

**UPCYCLING DAY!**

March 27th  
 UC Grandroom  
 7 PM

BRING YOUR CLOTHES!

**HUNGRY HIPPO'S INFLATABLE AND GAME NIGHT**  
**4 PM 3/30**  
**UC LAWN**

RAIN PLAN: UC GRAND ROOM

**Schedule of Campus Events**

**LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE LEGACY WALK**

*Dear Catamount Family,*

Show your Catamount spirit by donating to the Legacy Walk. Each \$250 donation will be recognized with a custom brick paver that will be placed in the Legacy Walk by the Alumni Tower. Donations to the Legacy Walk support the Student Emergency Fund which supports students experiencing financial hardship.

*Jane Adams-Dunford*  
 Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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 [legacywalk.wcu.edu](http://legacywalk.wcu.edu)  
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 828.227.7147

**Dates and Deadlines**

**March 2 - 6 - SoCon Basketball Tournament**  
**March 6 - 10 - Spring Break**  
**March 24 - Last day to drop with a "W"**  
**March 25 - Open House**  
**March 26 - Out of Darkness Campus Walk**  
**April 5 - 7 - No classes**

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The majority of continuing students have selected their rooms for 2023 – 2024. For those that have selected a room, the system is now open for students to change their 2023 – 2024 room assignment. Students can do this independently, and changes do not require approval. Students can log into the housing portal through May 31, 2023, to change their assignments. The system will close on June 1, 2023, to prepare for new student assignments.

Students who still need to select a room and wish to live on campus should contact the Department of Residential Living for information on how they may obtain an assignment for next year.

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## Mid-Semester Break Stay List

Students are welcome to stay in the residence halls over Mid-Semester Break (April 5 – 7). We ask students to let us know if they will be here for emergencies. They can sign up using the link in their catamount email. There is no charge to stay for Mid-Semester Break. Students should, however, be aware that dining options will be limited during the break.



## Housing Cancellations for 2023 - 2024

Any student who no longer wishes to live on campus or will not be enrolled at WCU for 2023 – 2024 should submit a Housing Cancellation Request. Cancellations received by June 1, 2023 to not incur the \$1,000 Housing Cancellation fee. Students should know their subjectivity to WCU Policy 96 when submitting a Housing Cancellation Request. If a student submits a request, is subject to WCU Policy 96, and is still enrolled in classes at WCU for 2023 – 2024, they may have their request denied if they are in the first year of the residency requirement. If they are in the second year of the requirement, they would have the \$2,500 Second Year Residency Assessment posted to their account. Please refer to Policy 96.

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**Summer Session classes are more affordable and accessible than ever!**

Did you know WCU students and other schools around the state can now take summer classes at WCU for the cost of NC Promise tuition?

What does that mean exactly?

It means the average cost of an undergraduate in-state student to take a summer class (3 credit hours) is less than \$400, including book rental and fees. In addition, students have the option of taking classes for summer on campus or virtually. There are over 700 courses slated for the summer of 2023! [Click here](#) to see a list of all our summer classes, have your student contact their academic or departmental advisor to see how they can make Summer 2023 a part of their academic plan.

For more questions about summer, please contact [summer@wcu.edu](mailto:summer@wcu.edu) or visit [summer.wcu.edu](http://summer.wcu.edu).

To see all summer tuition rates, please visit our Admissions & Aid page- [CLICK HERE](#).

## Congratulations to newly elected Student Government Association Officers



**CJ MITCHELL  
PRESIDENT-ELECT**




**ESTEFANY GORDILLO-RIVAS  
VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT**

## The Elements of Wellness Physical



with Jessica Ange, Medical Director and  
Kelsey Jones, Assistant Director of Intramural Recreational Sports





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Eat FREE tacos and talk about this year's OneBook 'Normal Sucks'

**APRIL 11**  
**11:30AM-1PM**  
**ICA LOUNGE, UC 227**

**safezone**  
LGBTQ+ AWARENESS & ALLY TRAINING

**Wed., April 12**  
**5-7pm | Online**

TO REGISTER, VISIT:  
**SAFEZONE.WCU.EDU**

WILDERNESS AS WELLNESS PRESENTS  
*An evening with author*  
**Florence Williams**

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 13**  
7-9pm, doors open at 6:30pm | UC Theater

Hear evidence-based science answering questions like:  
**How does being in nature change our brains?**

**THE EVENT OF THE EON...**

**GRILLZILLA**

APRIL 14 | 3:30P-6:30P | BLUE RIDGE LAWN\*

MAIN LOCATION: BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE ROOM | WHILE SUPPLIES LAST | ALL FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED

**BREAKFAST WITH LMP**  
AND  
**NALGENE BOTTLE GIVEAWAY**

WHEN.  
April 26th @ 8 pm

WHERE.  
UC Illusions

THE MENU.  
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage,  
Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled  
eggs, Pastries.

Join us for our first annual bench press competition!

**BENCH MADNESS COMPETITION**

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 | 12-3PM

**Register today at myrec.wcu.edu**

5 Different Wave Times Available!  
Registration closes on Tuesday, April 25.

Schedule of Campus Events

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**Dates and Deadlines**

- April 5 - 7 - No Classes
- April 7 - University Closed
- April 15 - Tuck River Cleanup
- April 15 - Spring Football Game
- April 25 - Campus Activities Excellence In Leadership Awards Program
- May 5 - Last Day of Classes
- May 13 - Commencement

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# May 2023

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



## Summer Housing

Residential Living offers on-campus housing for students in [Summer 1](#), [Summer 2](#), or the [entire summer session](#). There is no housing deposit for summer housing. Interested students can fill out the [Housing Agreement Request form](#) or email [housingquestions@email.wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@email.wcu.edu) to access the appropriate summer housing agreement. Dates and rates for housing and meal plans can be found on the [Summer Session](#) website. All summer students are housed in Noble Hall.

Anyone with questions or needing more information can contact Residential Living by telephone at 828-227-7303.

## Spring Closing

Students should be prepared to depart campus 24 hours after their last final exam or by 5 pm on Friday, May 12, 2023. All students must move entirely out of their residence hall rooms during the summer break, even if they reclaim the same room for the following academic year.

## Room Changes for 2023 - 2024

The majority of continuing students have selected their rooms for 2023 – 2024. For those who have chosen a room, the system is now open for students to change their 2023 – 2024 room assignment. Students can do this independently, and changes do not require approval. Students can log into the housing portal through May 31, 2023, to change their assignments. The system will close on June 1, 2023, to prepare for new student assignments.

Students who still need to select a room and wish to live on campus should contact the Department of Residential Living for information on an assignment for next year at [housingquestions@email.wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@email.wcu.edu).



## Housing Cancellations for 2023 - 2024

Any student who no longer wishes to live on campus or will not be enrolled at WCU for 2023 – 2024 should submit a Housing Cancellation Request. Cancellations received by June 1, 2023, will not incur the \$1,000 Housing Cancellation fee. Students should know their subjectivity to WCU Policy 96 when submitting a Housing Cancellation Request. If a student submits a request, is subject to WCU Policy 96, and is enrolled in classes at WCU for 2023 – 2024, they may be denied if they are in the first year of the residency requirement. If they are in the second year of the requirement, they would have the \$2,500 Second Year Residency Assessment posted to their account. Please refer to Policy 96.

## Residency Requirement

Students who entered WCU as a first-time, full-time freshman in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023 and students who entered as new transfers within one year of high school graduation in the Spring of 2023 should review [WCU Policy 96](#) to ensure compliance with the Residence Hall Agreement and Residency Requirement. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 who do not participate in the room selection process or receive a Residency Exemption for the 2023 – 2024 academic year may either be assigned a room and meal plan or charged the Second Year Residency Assessment per the terms outlined in WCU Policy 96.

## Policy 96



# Summer School



LESS THAN  
**\$400**  
PER 3 CREDIT HOUR  
SUMMER CLASS

Cost includes all fees and book rentals  
\*\*Average cost for in-person or online undergraduate summer courses

GET AHEAD &  
STAY ON TRACK

Find out more at  
[SUMMER.WCU.EDU](http://SUMMER.WCU.EDU)

Western Carolina University

## Summer Session classes are more affordable and accessible than ever!

Did you know WCU students and other schools around the state can now take summer classes at WCU for the cost of NC Promise tuition?

What does that mean exactly?

It means the average cost of an undergraduate in-state student to take a summer class (3 credit hours) is less than \$400, including book rental and fees. In addition, students have the option of taking classes for summer on campus or virtually. There are over 700 courses slated for the summer of 2023! [Click here](#) to see a list of all our summer classes, have your student contact their academic or departmental advisor to see how they can make Summer 2023 a part of their academic plan.

For more questions about summer, please contact [summer@wcu.edu](mailto:summer@wcu.edu) or visit [summer.wcu.edu](http://summer.wcu.edu).

To see all summer tuition rates, please visit our Admissions & Aid page- [CLICK HERE](#).

## TEXTBOOKS



*Don't forget!*  
**BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMPUS ...**

- ✓ RETURN YOUR SPRING TEXTBOOKS
- ✓ PICK-UP YOUR SUMMER TEXTBOOKS

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## The Elements of Wellness

### Spiritual



with David Henderson, DH, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion

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- Thursday, May 4
- Wednesday, May 10

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## Bookstore Sale





**25% OFF**  
ALL DIPLOMA FRAMES  
USE PROMO CODE **SPRING23GRAD**

ONLINE OR  
IN STORE!  
THROUGH JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

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**Dates and Deadlines**

- May 5 - Last Day of Classes
- May 8 - 12 - Finals
- May 8 - Midnight Breakfast
- May 12 - Residence Halls Close
- May 12 - Graduate Commencement
- May 13 - Undergraduate Commencement
- June 5 - 1st Session of Summer School

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## August 2023



## Residential Living Guidelines

As students prepare to return to campus for Fall 2023, we want to make sure that both you and they are aware of changes to several Residential Living policies and procedures that can be found in the "Residential Living Guidelines" on our website. We highly encourage students and parents to read these guidelines fully by clicking here:

<https://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/2023-24ResidentialLivingGuidelines.pdf>

The most important changes that we would like to point out include:

- Motorized Modes of Transportation - Any motorized mode of transportation (including but not limited to electric scooters and e-bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, hoverboards, self-balancing scooter boards, Segways, etc.) is prohibited in the residence halls (which includes charging purposes). This does not include motorized wheelchairs and other ADA vehicles.
- Open Flame Items and Flammable Liquids - Open Flame Items (including but not limited to candles, incense, candle warmers, scent warmers, plug-ins, and scent pot burners) are prohibited in all residence halls for fire safety purposes. This includes decorative candles with burned or unburned wicks. The residence halls do not permit flammable Liquids and solvents (butane, gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, propane, etc.).
- Cameras in the Residence Halls - Students are permitted to use cameras in the residence halls for virtual meetings, academic

assignments, presentations, etc., but students are not permitted to install or use cameras for security or surveillance purposes. Only WCU-owned and managed cameras may be installed in the residence halls for security purposes.

- Lofting Beds - All students living in the residence halls are provided with a bed system that can be lofted. The system includes two headboards, two footboards, a mattress with a mattress platform, stabilizing bars, a safety rail, and a ladder. Lofted beds must have stabilizing bars installed. For student safety, beds may not be lofted using any materials beyond the bed system provided for each resident. A roommate's unused bed components may not be used to extend a lofted bed.
- Sports Activities in the Residence Halls - Participating in sports activities in areas not designated for that purpose is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, playing with sports balls, Frisbees, nerf guns, splat guns, and other thrown or projected objects indoors.
- Guests – This policy was updated to provide detailed expectations for students and their guests. Please read it thoroughly.
- Prohibited Items – The list has been updated to include items that have changed due to these policy revisions.

If your student has questions before they arrive, please don't hesitate to contact us at [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu). Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

## Catamount Dining

Hello Catamount Families!

Catamount Dining has been working hard to prepare for the Fall semester with new dining concepts, facility upgrades, and exciting events for our students. We wanted to take a moment to share some information and reminders with you:

- The first few weeks of the Fall semester are particularly hectic, with thousands of students trying to figure out their schedule and the best times to eat. While students work through this process, there will be long lines at dining options across campus. We appreciate your and your student's patience as the semester starts and students figure out what works for them.
- Retail locations and dining options will open across campus in a staggered fashion as returning and new students join the Catamount Dining team. Catamount Dining will share information regarding any temporary service adjustments with your students via in-person signage, Catamount Dining social media accounts, and [dining.wcu.edu](http://dining.wcu.edu).



## AUG & SEP EVENTS

<b>8.23</b>	<b>Back To School Cookout</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>8.25</b>	<b>National Banana Split Day</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>8.30</b>	<b>Birthday Celebration</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.1</b>	<b>National Gyro Day</b>	Catamount Café	Dinner
<b>9.13</b>	<b>Carnival</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.18</b>	<b>National Cheeseburger Day</b>	Catamount Café	All Day
<b>9.20</b>	<b>Dining Service Advisory Board</b>	Water Rock Conference Room	6 PM
<b>9.21</b>	<b>Chef Throwdown</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.22</b>	<b>Tailgate Throwdown</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.27</b>	<b>Birthday Celebration</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.29</b>	<b>National Coffee Day</b>	Catamount Café	All Day



 @wucampusdining | dining.wcu.edu



And last but certainly not least, **Catamount Dining is hiring!** We offer competitive wages, on-campus convenience, flexible schedules, bonus incentives, and great perks. Encourage your students to apply at <https://westerncarolina.campusdish.com/Careers>, or reach out to [jlarem@wcu.edu](mailto:jlarem@wcu.edu) with any employment questions.

### CATAMOUNT DINING *is hiring!*

#### WHY CHOOSE CATAMOUNT DINING?



- \$12.00** starting minimum wage
- FREE MEAL** with every shift
- HEALTH BENEFITS** available
- REFERRAL BONUSES** available
- PROMOTIONAL** opportunities
- FLEXIBLE** schedules



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## TEXTBOOKS

Hello, Catamounts!

The WCU Bookstore is now issuing rental books for the Fall term. Come and get your books as early as possible(when you move in!) to avoid the lines that occur on opening weekend and the first week of instruction. All you need is your CatCard and your [student account](#) to be reconciled. We look forward to seeing you in Cullowhee.

## New Student Convocation



New Student Convocation is an important event that marks the official welcome to the university. WCU's Chancellor, Provost, Deans, Faculty, and staff convene to help mark the significance of this occasion to congratulate and celebrate the arrival of WCU's new students.

Guests can expect the Academic Processional led by WCU Chancellor Dr. Kelli Brown, the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band, and to hear from key campus leaders.

Afterward, students will enter the E.J. Whitmire Stadium to take part in the WCU tradition of a class photo. This year, each new Catamount will join their peers in forming the numbers of their cohort's anticipated graduation year, Class of 2027!

## Official Transcripts

New, returning, and continuing students need to make sure that they have requested submission of final official transcripts or test results from any other college or testing source (e.g., AP, IB, or CLEP subject exam results). Responsibility rests with the student to ensure that all final official documents are received. Receipt of those documents can have a bearing on numerous things (e.g., admission eligibility, financial and or scholarship status, class standing, athletic eligibility, the accuracy of a student's degree audit, course prerequisite satisfaction, and ability to register for specific courses or future terms). For new first-year students, the final official high school must reflect senior year course completions and verify that the student graduated. Students who were enrolled in early college or dual enrolled in high school and college courses must submit a final official high school transcript and a final official college transcript. WCU course credit cannot be awarded based on work only reflected on a high school transcript. Similarly, credit cannot be awarded for AP or IB courses or grades posted on a high school transcript. Scores results must be requested from the respective testing organization in order for credit to be awarded at WCU. For students who have attempted coursework at multiple colleges or universities, an official transcript must be submitted from each institution attended. Numerous WCU students enroll in summer courses back home before returning to WCU in the fall. Please help ensure that WCU receives those official transcripts as well.

## Athletics Update

### **Saturday, August 19**

Head Coach Kerwin Bell and the WCU football team would like to invite WCU students to attend our football scrimmage at E.J. Whitmire Stadium / Bob Waters Field. The scrimmage is from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. The west side of the stadium will be open, as will restrooms. For questions, please contact the Catamount Ticket Office at 828-227-2401. Admission is free.

Head Coach Karen Glover and the 2023 Catamount volleyball team take on USC Upstate at 6 pm in the Ramsey Center. Admission is free.

### **Sunday, August 20**

Head Coach Chad Miller and the 2023 Catamount soccer team take on Queens in the first regular season match of the year. The match begins at 1 pm at the Catamount Athletic Complex.

### **Important WCU Student Ticket Information**

All full-time, fee-paying WCU students receive free admission to all Catamount home athletic events by showing their valid WCU Student Cat Card at events. WCU students can purchase up to two student guest tickets for \$16 per ticket to any home football game. To purchase guest tickets, [CLICK HERE](#). These guest tickets will be in the WCU student sections.

September 9, Samford 2:30 pm (White Out Whitmire, Freshmen Run, High School Band Day 1983 Football Reunion). Help us pack the stadium for this huge home opener!

### **Student Tailgate Lot/Cat Walk**


The student tailgate lot is located in the Bardo Arts Center. Join us for the Cat Walk as the football team cheer, dance, and drum line make their way toward the stadium. The walk starts approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes before kickoff.

### **Parking on Game Day**

\$10 single-game parking is also available on the Catamount Ticket Office site or by calling 828-227-2401.

Call the Catamount Ticket Office at 828-227-2401 or visit [CatamountSports.com](http://CatamountSports.com) for any ticket questions.

2023 WESTERN CAROLINA HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



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## 2023 Legacy Pinning Ceremony

If you have a new WCU student with a family member who is an alum of one of WCU's undergraduate or graduate programs – JOIN US for our 2023 Legacy Pinning Ceremony to be held September 23, 9:30 am during Family Weekend!

The legacy pinning ceremony is held annually to honor incoming Western Carolina University legacy students and their family members during WCU's Family Weekend. It offers an alumnus(a) the opportunity to "pin" their incoming student with a special legacy pin that denotes their WCU heritage. A legacy student is *"Any incoming student with at least one parent, stepparent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, or active mentor who is an alum of WCU's undergraduate or graduate program is considered a Legacy student."*

Legacy students and three guests are invited to attend this event at no charge. Additional guests may also attend the event for \$10.

For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [alumni@wcu.edu](mailto:alumni@wcu.edu)!



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- Wednesday, August 23
- Thursday, August 31
- Wednesday, September 6
- Thursday, September 14
- Wednesday, September 20
- Thursday, September 28

More Information

# WOW

## WEEK OF WELCOME

**Friday, August 18**  
5:00pm | Ramsey Center  
Convocation and Class of 2027 Photo

**Saturday, August 19**  
4:00pm-6:00pm | Central Plaza  
Valley Ballyhoo  
Find out about RSOs, Departments, and Community resources along with free swag!

6:00pm | Ramsey Center  
Volleyball vs USC Upstate  
Admission is free!

**Sunday, August 20**  
6:00pm | Catamount Athletic Complex  
Women's Soccer vs Queens  
Admission is free!

**Monday, August 21**  
12:00pm-4:00pm | Central Plaza  
LMP's Munchie Mondays  
LMP will be hosting the first Munchie Monday with giveaways, free snow cones, and inflatables.

7:30pm-8:15pm | CRC Studio 2  
Bellydance Fitness  
A fun and unique fitness class that combines Middle Eastern and Fusion dance for cardio, strength, and flexibility. No dance experience is needed!

**Tuesday, August 22**  
12:00pm | Central Plaza  
Popsicles, Therapy Dogs, and Giveaways  
Counseling & Psychological Services, Office of Alumni Engagement, and LMP will host giveaways, popsicles, and the opportunity to meet the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

4:00pm-6:00pm | UC Illusions  
Paint-A-Tote Bag  
Come paint a FREE tote bag with LMP. Supplies and decorations are provided while supplies last!

6:30pm | CRC Lobby  
Sunset Hike and S'mores  
Join Outdoor Programs on a hike to the WCU Trails. S'mores will be at the Rocks at 8:15pm.

**Wednesday, August 23**  
11:00am-2:00pm | UC Grand Room  
Part-Time Employment Fair  
Learn about Part-time opportunities for students!

6:00pm | UC Grand Room  
Comedy Magician Trent James  
LMP will be hosting Trent James! Trent James is bringing a fresh feel to the classic magic show. Trent's high-energy performance combines mind-boggling magic with gut-busting humor.

**Thursday, August 24**  
5:00pm-7:00pm | Bardo Arts Center  
Bardo Arts Center Welcome Back Party  
Enjoy free food, giveaways, and experience a live screen printing demonstration. It's BYOG (Bring Your Own Shirt or any over item you would like to screen print).

7:00pm | Central Plaza  
WOW Concert with Jesse McCartney  
Known for hits *Beautiful Soul* and *Leavin'*, Jesse has been on the scene since the 90s. Hosted by Last Minute Productions and Residential Living.

**Friday, August 25**  
7:00pm | UC Grand Room  
Taylor Swift Night and Dance Party  
Wear your best eras outfit and get ready to "Shake it off"! Come party with LMP and enjoy a Live DJ, Taylor Themed Photo Area, and giveaways!

**Saturday, August 26**  
7:00pm | UC Lawn  
WOW Movie on the Lawn  
Join LMP for free cotton candy and popcorn!

8:00pm-12:00am | WCU Picnic Area  
J'ouvert  
Join ICA for an evening full of calypso and soca music, Caribbean food, and traditional J'ouvert activities.

**Sunday, August 27**  
10:30am-5:00pm | UC  
Community Service Project with Cullowhee Community Garden  
Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning will be hosting a project for the Catamounts to get involved. Sign up for volunteer timeslots on Engage.

**Western Carolina UNIVERSITY** Go to [Engage.wcu.edu](http://Engage.wcu.edu) or [WOW.wcu.edu](http://WOW.wcu.edu) for more information!

CAMPUS RECREATION & WELLNESS AND RESIDENTIAL LIVING PRESENT:

# GLOW yoga

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**  
6:30PM - 8PM (YOGA STARTS AT 7PM)  
ROCKS LAWN  
*(This event is free to WCU Students)*

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GLOW YOGA FLOW**

Arrive at 6:30pm to find your spot & grab glow sticks and/or body paint!

Bring a mat or towel & your Cat Card

**TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN STREET PARTY**

# J'OUVERT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**  
8pm-12am | Picnic Area behind Softball Field  
**FREE T-SHIRT!**

*Family Weekend*  
**NANTAHALA WHITEWATER RAFTING**

**\$40**  
(Students & family members)

**Sept. 24, 2023 | 10-5pm**  
Meet at CRC Lobby

**Transportation and lunch provided!**

Scan the QR Code for more details & to register.

[myrec.wcu.edu](http://myrec.wcu.edu)

Comedy Tagon

## TRENT JAMES

Wednesday,  
August 23, 2023  
6:00 PM  
UC Grand  
Room

**WOW**

JESSE MCCARTNEY



Thursday,  
August 24, 2023  
7:00 PM  
Central Plaza

**WOW**  
CONCERT

Want to meet  
Jesse?  
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## Taylor Swift Night and Dance Party

Aug 23, 2023  
UC Grand Room

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### Dates and Deadlines

**August 11 - 20** - Residence Hall Move-In

**August 18** - New Student Convocation

**August 18** - Class of 2027 Photo

**August 21** - Catamount Community Courses due for new students

**August 21** - First Day of Class/Fall Tuition Due

**August 25** - Last Day of Drop/Add

**September 4** - University Holiday/ No Classes

**September 5** - Financial Aid Refund Day



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September 2023

*The 'Freshmen Run' Tradition*



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## Flu Clinic

Health Services is pleased to announce the upcoming flu clinics available to all students. Health experts recommend getting a yearly flu vaccine as the first line of defense against seasonal flu.

### **Flu Clinic at Health and Human Sciences Building:**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Room 204.**



Your student can schedule their appointment at <https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/WES467159> and complete the required consent form upon confirmation of their appointment.

Partner vendor Walgreens Pharmacy will file insurance claims with the insurance provider.

Upon arriving at their appointment, a photo ID and a copy of their insurance card will be required.

### **Flu Clinic at Biltmore Park:**

**Monday, September 25, 2023, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Room 105.**

Health Services staff will be on-site at Biltmore Park. Dependents are not eligible for this flu clinic. Your student may schedule their appointment at <https://wcu.medicatconnect.com/>.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pam Buchanan, Director, Health Services [pmbuchanan@wcu.edu](mailto:pmbuchanan@wcu.edu) (828-227-3475) or Katie Williams Lanning, Business Officer, [kwilliams@wcu.edu](mailto:kwilliams@wcu.edu) (828-227-3473)



**FAMILY WEEKEND**  
Western Carolina University | 2023

**September 22**  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
**Family Social**  
Join Campus activities for an informal reception with refreshments at the Catafount. Meet the Deans of our colleges, connect with key staff focused on student resources, and take a family photo with Paws!

**September 23**  
9:30am  
**Legacy Pinning Celebration**  
Join the Office of Advancement for the 2023 Legacy Pinning Ceremony! The Legacy Pinning Celebration will take place in the Ramsey Center. The Legacy Pinning ceremony is held annually to honor incoming Western Carolina Legacy students and their family members during WCU's Family Weekend.  
\*RSVP Required\*

**September 23**  
**Western Carolina Football vs. Charleston Southern**  
Enjoy tailgating with family and friends from 11:00am to 2:00pm then get ready to white out Whitmire Stadium for a 2:30pm kickoff.

**September 23**  
6:00pm & 9:00pm  
**Family Weekend Movie: 'Guardians of the Galaxy - Vol. 3'**  
Join Last Minute Productions in the University Center Theatre for a free movie! Popcorn and Drink included!

For more information, visit [familyweekend.wcu.edu](http://familyweekend.wcu.edu)

## Crime and Fire Statistics

# Crime & Fire Log

WCU Daily Crime & Fire Log Information

Incident Date & Time  
Reported Date & Time  
Nature of the Incident  
Location of the Incident  
Case Disposition

Scan the QR code to access the Crime & Fire Log.

This log includes crime and fire information for the past sixty days.



Western Carolina University Police: 828.227.7301



## Residential Living Guidelines

Please encourage your students to read these guidelines fully by clicking here:

<https://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/2023-24ResidentialLivingGuidelines.pdf>

The most important changes that we would like to point out include:

- Motorized Modes of Transportation - Any motorized mode of transportation (including but not limited to electric scooters and e-bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, hoverboards, self-balancing scooter boards, Segways, etc.) is prohibited in the residence halls (which includes charging purposes). This does not include motorized wheelchairs and other ADA vehicles.
- Open Flame Items and Flammable Liquids - Open Flame Items (including but not limited to candles, incense, candle warmers, scent warmers, plug-ins, and scent pot burners) are prohibited in all residence halls for fire safety purposes. This includes decorative candles with burned or unburned wicks. The residence halls do not permit flammable liquids and solvents (butane, gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, propane, etc.).
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- Guests – This policy was updated to provide detailed expectations for students and their guests. Please read it thoroughly.
- Prohibited Items – The list has been updated to include items that have changed due to these policy revisions.

If your student has questions, please don't hesitate to contact [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu).

## Catamount Dining

Hello Catamount Families!

Catamount Dining has been working hard to prepare for the Fall semester with new dining concepts, facility upgrades, and exciting events for our students. We wanted to take a moment to share some information and reminders with you:

- Retail locations and dining options will open across campus in a staggered fashion as returning and new students join the Catamount Dining team. Catamount Dining will share information regarding any temporary service adjustments with your students via in-person signage, Catamount Dining social media accounts, and [dining.wcu.edu](http://dining.wcu.edu).



<b>9.13</b>	<b>Carnival</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.18</b>	<b>National Cheeseburger Day</b>	Catamount Café	All Day
<b>9.20</b>	<b>Dining Service Advisory Board</b>	Water Rock Conference Room	6 PM
<b>9.21</b>	<b>Chef Throwdown</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
<b>9.22</b>	<b>Tailgate Throwdown</b>	Catamount Café	Lunch
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<b>9.29</b>	<b>National Coffee Day</b>	Catamount Café	All Day

  @wucampusdining | dining.wcu.edu



And last but certainly not least, ***Catamount Dining is hiring!*** We offer competitive wages, on-campus convenience, flexible schedules, bonus incentives, and great perks. Encourage your students to apply at <https://westerncarolina.campusdish.com/Careers> or contact [jlarem@wcu.edu](mailto:jlarem@wcu.edu) for any employment questions.

## CATAMOUNT DINING *is hiring!*

### WHY CHOOSE CATAMOUNT DINING?



- \$12.00** starting minimum wage
- FREE MEAL** with every shift
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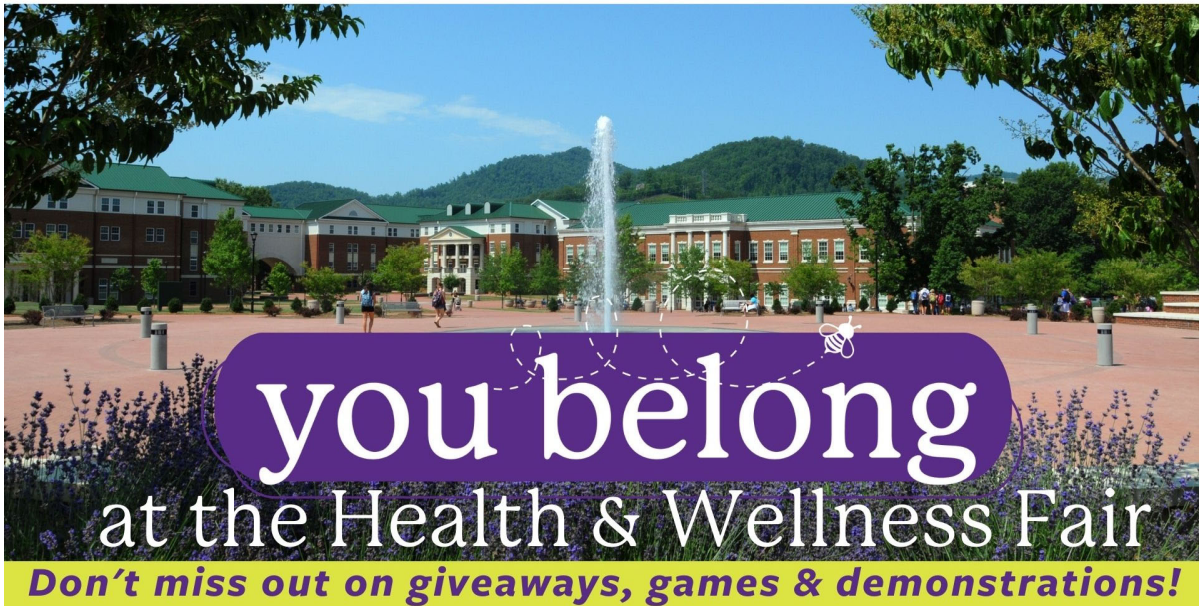
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## Health and Wellness Fair

Wednesday, September 27th | 11am-1pm | UC Fountain



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The legacy pinning ceremony is held annually to honor incoming Western Carolina University legacy students and their family members during WCU's Family Weekend. It offers an alumnus(a) the opportunity to "pin" their incoming student with a special legacy pin that denotes their WCU heritage. A legacy student is *"Any incoming student with at least one parent, stepparent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, or active mentor who is an alum of WCU's undergraduate or graduate program is considered a Legacy student."*

Legacy students and three guests are invited to attend this event at no charge. Additional guests may also attend the event for \$10. The registration deadline is **September 13**. Please register at <https://bit.ly/wculegacy23>. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [alumni@wcu.edu](mailto:alumni@wcu.edu).



## Mountain Heritage Day

Western Carolina University will celebrate **Mountain Heritage Day** on September 30, 10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Please visit [here](#) for the schedule of events.



SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 30**  
CULLOWHEE, NC FREE TO THE PUBLIC



Enjoy one of the top events in the Southeast with food and craft vendors, family-friendly activities, interactive kids area, along with performances and demonstrations celebrating the Southern Appalachian mountain culture.

An advertisement for the Student Emergency Fund. The background is a night scene of a fountain at a university. On the left, a purple box contains the text "STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND" in large white letters, with a logo of two hands holding a heart above it. Below this is the Western Carolina University logo and "Student Affairs". On the right, white text reads: "We don't want UNEXPECTED expenses to keep you from being a successful student!". A QR code is positioned to the right of the text.

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in December?**

# Time to apply for Graduation!

- 🎓 To graduate you must apply for graduation.
- 🎓 The fall 2023 graduation application closes September 19, 2023.
- 🎓 Apply through your MyWCU!

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**WOODEN  
PAINT  
NIGHT**

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
UC Grand Room**

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LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

**SPIDER-MAN  
ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE**

Sept. 15, Showing: 7:00 PM  
Sept. 16, Showings: 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM  
UC Theater

Free for WCU Students, \$6 for everyone else

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LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

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MONDAYS**

Sept. 18, 2023  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
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[legacywalk.wcu.edu](https://legacywalk.wcu.edu)

Contact Student Affairs

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## Dates and Deadlines



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PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## October 2023



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## October COVID & FLU Vaccine Clinics

*sponsored by Health Services*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 | 8:30am–5:00pm  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 8:30am–5:00pm

**WHERE:** A.K. Hinds University Center, Multipurpose Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*Vaccines are the first line of defense against COVID and Flu. Health experts recommend getting an updated COVID vaccine that targets the current variants of COVID-19 as well as a yearly flu vaccine.*

Schedule your appointment with our partner vendor, Walgreens Pharmacy at <https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/WES467159> or scan the QR code and complete the required consent form upon confirmation of your appointment.

*Dependents are eligible to participate in the Walgreen's flu clinic; however, dependents must be age 3 or older, per Walgreens policy.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pam Buchanan, Director, Health Services [pmbuchanan@wcu.edu](mailto:pmbuchanan@wcu.edu) (828-227-3475) OR  
Katie Williams Lanning, Business Officer, [kwilliams@wcu.edu](mailto:kwilliams@wcu.edu) (828-227-3473)



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The [2024-2025 WCU Scholarship Application](#) opened on October 1, 2023. Students can access the application in their myWCU account under the "Scholarships" tab. There is one application for ALL WCU Scholarships. The application closes on February 1, 2024.

# Financial Aid

## 2024-2025 FAFSA CHANGES ARE UPCOMING



Historically, the FAFSA has been available beginning October 1st each year. However, because of significant changes to the application and the rebuild of the FAFSA processing system, the 2024-25 FAFSA will not be available until sometime in December 2023.

## Crime and Fire Statistics

# Crime & Fire Log

WCU Daily Crime & Fire Log Information

Incident Date & Time  
Reported Date & Time  
Nature of the Incident  
Location of the Incident  
Case Disposition

Scan the QR code to access the Crime & Fire Log.

This log includes crime and fire information for the past sixty days.



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## HOMEcoming

*Let's Celebrate Western in 2023!*

Nothing says fall in Cullowhee like Homecoming. Homecoming is our annual week-long event held on campus, culminating with the Homecoming Football game and the announcement of the Homecoming Nobility! Go CATS!



SAVE THE DATE



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## Homecoming 2023

### Monday, October 23

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | UC Lawn  
**LMP's Annual Pumpkin Patch**  
Paint a pumpkin with Last Minute Productions!

7:30pm | Bardo Arts Center  
**Coco Live-to-Film Concert!**  
(In Spanish with English Subtitles)

### Tuesday, October 24

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Blue Ridge Lawn  
**Homecoming Giveaway**  
Hosted by Campus Activities, Athletics, Alumni Engagement, Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning, International Programs, and Campus Recreation and Wellness.

12:00 - 5:00 pm | UC Grand Room  
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Sign up for an appointment at redcross.org using code: WCUHOMECOMING

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**A Night in the Wheel**  
Come out and meet our Catamount Men's and Women's basketball teams! We will be giving away pizza before the event and prizes throughout the night.

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Coco in Concert on Tour features a screening of the complete Disney Pixar film with Oscar® and Grammy®-winning composer Michael Giacchino's musical score performed live by the 20-member Orquesta Folclórica Nacional de México.

### Wednesday, October 25

4:00pm-9:00pm | Central Plaza  
**Homecoming Carnival**  
WCU Students can enjoy the carnival for one day for free! If WCU Students want to attend both days, an additional day of admission is \$10. Faculty and Staff admission is a \$12 pass. Community admission is \$15 for a pass. Student can pre-select tickets on mydca.wcu.edu. All other admission may be purchased at the UC Guest Services Desk on day of the carnival.

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**Homecoming Parade**  
Join your fellow Catamounts, alumni, and friends as community and student floats, the WCU cheerleaders and dance team, Homecoming Nobility, Alumni Award Winners and the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band parade through downtown Sylva.

8:00 pm | Ramsey Center  
**Wild 'N Out Comedy Show**  
Featuring Conceited, Emmanuel Hudson, Rip Micheals, and Ocean from the hit TV show, Wild 'N Out. Tickets are free for WCU Students, \$8 for Faculty/Staff, and \$10 for Community. Purchase tickets at mydca.wcu.edu.

### Saturday, October 28

2:30 pm | Whitmire Stadium  
**WCU vs Mercer**  
Cheer on the Catamounts as they take on the Mercer Bears at E.J. Whitmire Stadium and Bob Waters Field.

### Sunday, October 29

10:00 am | Bardo Arts Center  
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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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## **Volley Against Violence Game**

OCT 13, 2023 | 6:00P | RAMSEY CENTER



## **Purple Thursday**

OCT 19, 2023 | ALL DAY

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October is nationally recognized as Purple Thursday where people are encouraged to wear purple to increase awareness for domestic violence.



## **Info Table @ Homecoming Game**

OCT 28, 2023 | 2:30P | EJ WHITMIRE STADIUM

*For more information, please contact Deidre Hopkins, Title IX Coordinator, at [dshopkins@wcu.edu](mailto:dshopkins@wcu.edu) or Cyndy Caravelis at [caravelis@wcu.edu](mailto:caravelis@wcu.edu).*



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In designing this year’s Staff Senate ornament, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was recognized, whose ancestral homeplace is also home to our university and whose identity and culture we work to honor. Students, staff, faculty, and visitors alike have also learned when touring campus that WCU has long stood not only for Western Carolina University but also for “*Whee Carry Umbrellas!*” To purchase an ornament, please use this [link](#).

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Western Carolina University Campus Activities

LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

**Fall Break Mini Expedition**

**Backpacking & Rock Climbing**  
in Linville Gorge, NC

*No experience necessary!*

**OCT. 14-19**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11**

Required pre-trip meeting: Oct. 11, 8-9pm in the CRC meeting room  
COST: \$225.00

Register online at [myrec.wcu.edu](http://myrec.wcu.edu) or at the Adventure Shop

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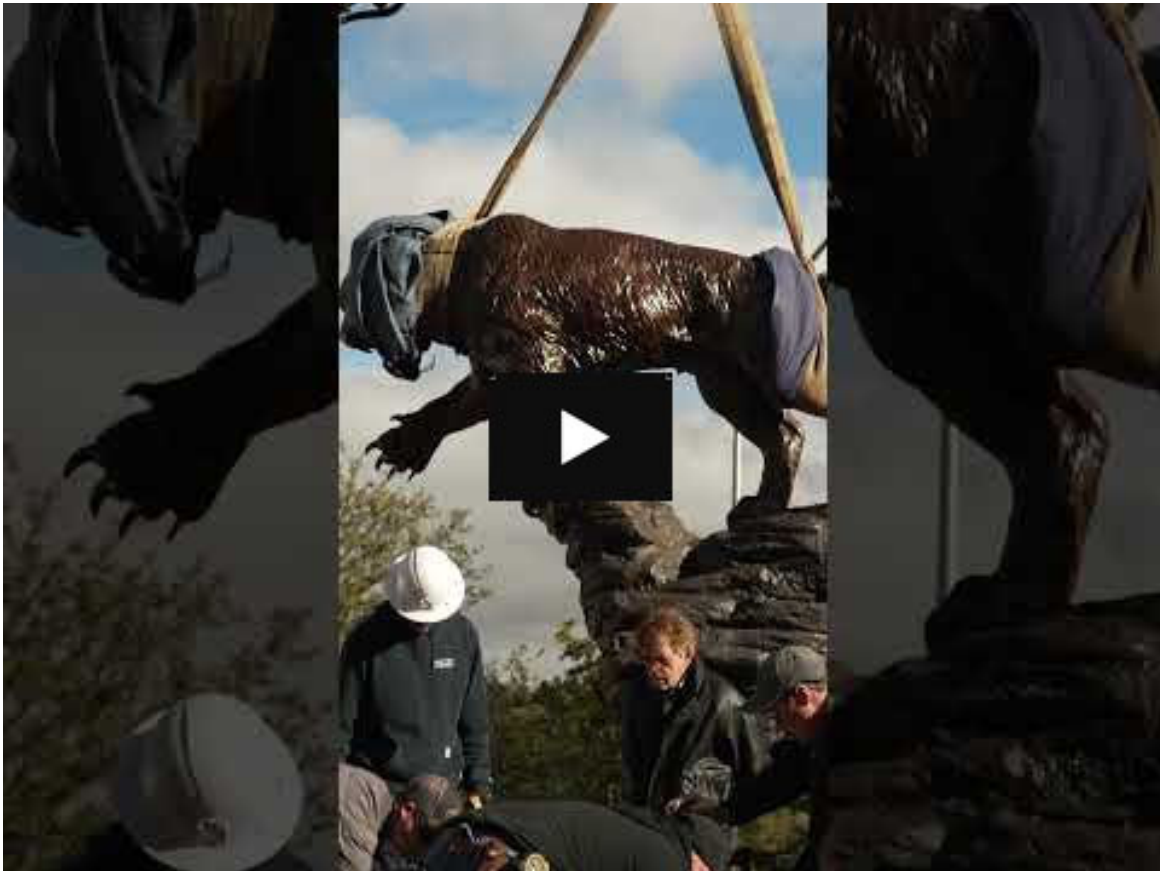
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## New Cat Statue Installed



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The Registrar's Office will notify enrolled students of their earliest registration time via email and all time-tickets begin at 9:00 p.m. You may use the button below to see registration times.

[Early Registration Times](#)



## Career Closet Now Available to Students

The Center for Career and Professional Development is excited to announce our brand new Career Closet! Students may now borrow professional interview attire at no cost. This endeavor, made possible by a grant through Enterprise Rent-a-Car and purchased through Belk of Asheville, is a game-changer for students who do not have access to professional clothing for interviews, conferences, networking events, etc. The Career Closet is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the CCPD, Reid 150. Students may swing by to try on the clothes before checking items out.

Get More Details



## 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](https://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.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**THE WCU**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION IS OPEN!**



### APPLY NOW

After submitting your scholarship application come by the University Scholarships Office to receive **\$10 WCU BOOKSTORE BUCKS!**



**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

# Financial Aid



**2024-2025**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid/

**! FAFSA  
DELAYED**

*What You Need to Know:*

The 2024-2025 FAFSA will not open until December 2023, a delay from the usual date of October 1.

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**HOME COMING**

Congratulations to *AJ Johnson* 2023 Catamount Noble and *Corbin Richardson*  
Catamount Noble Runner-up



# Athletics Update

## Important WCU Student Ticket Information

All full-time, fee-paying WCU students receive free admission to all Catamount home athletic events by showing their valid WCU Student Cat Card at events. WCU students can purchase up to two student guest tickets for \$16 per ticket to any home football game. To purchase guest tickets, [CLICK HERE](#). These guest tickets will be in the WCU student sections.

## Student Tailgate Lot/Cat Walk

The student tailgate lot is located in the Bardo Arts Center. Join us for the Cat Walk as the football team cheer, dance, and drum line make their way toward the stadium. The walk starts approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes before kickoff.

## Parking on Game Day

\$10 single-game parking is available on the Catamount Ticket Office site. Call the Catamount Ticket Office at 828-227-2401 or visit [CatamountSports.com](http://CatamountSports.com) for any ticket or parking questions.

2023 WESTERN CAROLINA HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



  
**STUDENT  
EMERGENCY  
FUND**

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



 Student Affairs

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

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# Staff Senate Holiday Ornament



Staff Senate and the Rapid Center have continued their partnership to provide another holiday ornament. The umbrella is a symbol of the WCU community, representing compassion and unity. The WCU campus theme for the 2023-2024 academic year is “*Community and Belongingness.*”

In designing this year’s Staff Senate ornament, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was recognized, whose ancestral homeplace is also home to our university and whose identity and culture we work to honor. Students, staff, faculty, and visitors alike have also learned when touring campus that WCU has long stood not only for Western Carolina University but also for “*Whee Carry Umbrellas!*” To purchase an ornament, please use this [link](#).

## Catamount Shopping Shuttle



The Catamount Shopping Shuttle runs one day a week at 5:30 p.m. from the Cat Tran hub at the University Center to Walmart and Ingles. The last shuttle returning to campus from Walmart departs at 7:40 p.m.

Thursday, November 9 | Wednesday, November 15 | Wednesday, November 29

More Information

TAKE BACK *the* NIGHT

TAKE A STAND AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8  
7PM | UC ILLUSIONS

Western Carolina University

Organized by Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) and Intercultural Affairs

TUNNEL OF OPPRESSION

Join us for an interactive presentation and explore topics including: Asexual and Bisexual Erasure, Hispanic Experience, Mental Health in College, & Indigenous Communities (MMIW)

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 14

Sign Up Here

9-11:30am & 1:30-5:00pm

For more information, visit [dsa.wcu.edu/tunnel](http://dsa.wcu.edu/tunnel)

Western Carolina University

Sponsored by the Departments of Intercultural Affairs, Residential Living, and Counseling & Psychological Services

DEGREE PLUS

MUNCHIE MONDAYS

11/20/23 AT THE CENTRAL PLAZA

FROM 12 PM TO 3 PM

LAST MINUTE PRODUCTION

Schedule of Campus Events

# LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE LEGACY WALK

*Dear Catamount Family,*

Show your Catamount spirit by donating to the Legacy Walk. Each \$250 donation will be recognized with a custom brick paver that will be placed in the Legacy Walk by the Alumni Tower. Donations to the Legacy Walk support the Student Emergency Fund which supports students experiencing financial hardship.

*Jane Adams-Dunford*

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*



[legacywalk.wcu.edu](http://legacywalk.wcu.edu)

Contact Student Affairs  
828.227.7147



## Dates and Deadlines

*November 5 - 14 - Early Registration*

*November 22 - 24 - Thanksgiving Break*

*December 8 - Last Day of Classes*

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# Connections

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## December 2023



# Happy Holidays

*from the Division of Student Affairs*



## Residence Halls Closing and Re-Opening

### Fall 2023 Closing

Residence halls will close for the Winter Break on Friday, December 15, at 5:00 pm. Here are some important pieces of information that have been shared with students:

- Students should plan to vacate their rooms within 24 hours of their last exam or by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 15, whichever comes first. Students who are graduating or need to stay later than this can request an extension with their Graduate Community Coordinator or Area Coordinator.
- Students returning for Spring 2024 do not need to move their belongings out or turn in any keys. They can leave anything they don't need in their room and take their keys with them for the break. These students should prepare their rooms for an extended period of absence by completing the actions below. Residence Life staff will check rooms after graduation for compliance with the following:
  - Unplug and defrost refrigerators.

- Unplug all items from outlets.
- Take home any fish or approved Emotional Support Animals.
- Close and lock windows.
- For students on first and ground floor rooms, close window blinds.
- For students on upper floors, open window blinds.
- Please make sure any valuable items are not left on the floor.
- Students in a double room without a roommate should leave the other half of the room open for a new roommate. We will have new incoming students in January, so current students may be assigned a new roommate. An email will be sent to all current students when we have completed most assignments.
- Students graduating or not returning in January must complete a Housing Cancellation Request (available at [roomselection.wcu.edu](https://roomselection.wcu.edu)) and check out of their room before leaving for the break. They can schedule a check-out appointment with their RA or do an express check-out.

We also want to remind students to turn in their textbooks before departing for the semester! They will not have access to their room to pick up any books left behind.

### **Academic Actions**

Students will be notified of academic actions (i.e., academic suspension) and opportunities to appeal these actions on December 19, 2023. Any student who is suspended and does not submit an appeal will be asked to return starting January 3, 2024, to move out of their room. Any student denied an appeal should receive notice of the decision by January 8, 2024. These students would be asked to return and move out of the residence hall by Friday, January 12, 2024.

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## **Spring 2024 Opening**

Residence Halls open for the spring semester on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Students can return directly to their building and do not have to sign up in advance.

### **Room Changes for Spring 2024**

Room Changes for Spring 2024 will open on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 am. Students will log in to the housing portal to request a room change.



## 2024 – 2025 Room Selection

Information about Room Selection for 2024 – 2025 will start going out to students later this month. Here are a couple of important dates and notes to keep in mind:

- All continuing students must pay the \$150.00 non-refundable Continuing Student Housing Deposit to participate in room selection. The deposit will open for continuing students on February 1, 2024.
- Students who are not eligible to re-claim their current room for 2024 – 2025 will receive a notice in January 2024 to let them know they are not eligible to reclaim.
- Students with Housing Accommodation Requests should start that process with the Office of Accessibility Resources. Housing Accommodations must be approved each academic year and do not roll over from one year to the next. Students should participate in room selection and select a space when eligible. If approved for a Housing Accommodation Request, we will

work with the student to update their assignment, if necessary, to one that meets their approved Housing Accommodation Request.

- Selection of space on campus will take place after Spring Break. Dates will be sent to students first, and we will provide them to you in a future email!

**WCU BOOKSTORE**

*Customer Appreciation*

# SALE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>25% OFF</b>	<b>25% OFF</b>	<b>25% OFF</b>	<b>25% OFF</b>	<b>25% OFF</b>	<b>25% OFF</b>
COLD WEATHER ITEMS 	DRINKWARE 	OUTERWEAR 	GIFT ITEMS  	CLOTHING 	DIPLOMA FRAMES 

*\*Exclusions include textbooks & regalia.  
Discounts cannot be combined.*

**MONDAY, DEC. 11 – SATURDAY, DEC. 16**

**Western Carolina UNIVERSITY** | WCU Bookstore



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### THE WCU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN!



#### APPLY NOW

After submitting your scholarship application come by the University Scholarships Office to receive **\$10 WCU BOOKSTORE BUCKS!**



**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

# Financial Aid

The 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid/

# **FAFSA IS OPEN!**




*Apply now at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)*

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## 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](https://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.



 CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

*Class of 2023*







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**MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST 2023**



## Wander

DECEMBER 11  
10:30P - 12:30A  
CATAMOUNT CAFÉ



## DE-STRESS FEST

RELAX AND RECHARGE  
YOUR BATTERIES

Crafts | Tie Dye | Games

**TUESDAY, DEC. 12**  
2-4:30PM  
Blue Ridge  
Multipurpose Room



## MLK<sup>JR</sup>

MARCH | JAN. 15  
CELEBRATION  
WEEK | JAN. 22-26



Check out the full  
list of events at  
[mlkjr.wcu.edu](https://mlkjr.wcu.edu)



Schedule of Campus Events



# THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,

Give a Legacy of Love on the Catamount Legacy Walk

Purchase a custom brick paver that will be placed by the Alumni tower.

Donations to the legacy walk support the student emergency fund.



To purchase using payroll deduction, or for more information visit:

[legacywalk.wcu.edu](http://legacywalk.wcu.edu)



## Dates and Deadlines



*December 11 - 16 - Finals Week*

*December 11 - Midnight Breakfast*

*December 16 - Commencement*

*December 25 - January 1 - University  
Closed*

*January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday*

*January 16 - First Day of Classes*

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