



Division of
Student Affairs



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PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

February 2024



Financial Aid

The 2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid/

FAFSA IS OPEN!



Apply now at studentaid.gov



FILL THE WESTERN SKY

**THE CAMPAIGN for
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

Western Carolina University's campaign has kicked off. Below are reasons to support the Student Affairs initiatives via the campaign. We hope you will support the campaign.

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WESTERN
SKY** THE CAMPAIGN for
WESTERN CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

GIVE NOW!



STUDENT AFFAIRS

ENDOWMENT PRIORITIES

- Assist students facing hardships from an unexpected emergency, accident, or other critical incidents.
- Provide additional funding critical to meeting the financial needs of students, overcoming systematic barriers, and making dreams come true.
- Support Student Affairs programming and services that help create a dynamic, engaged campus community.
- Support robust programming in our offices of Intercultural Affairs and Residential Living

Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY

Residence Halls 2024 - 2025

Room Selection

Information about Room Selection for continuing students for 2024 – 2025 is available at roomselection.wcu.edu. Here are a few important notes to help your student with their room selection process:

- **All continuing students must pay the \$150.00 non-refundable Continuing Student Housing Deposit to participate in room selection. The deposit opened for continuing students on February 1, 2024. The deposit can be paid in the student's MyWCU account or Student Accounts.**

- **Students who are not eligible to re-claim their current room for 2024 – 2025 will receive a notice later this month to let them know they are not eligible to reclaim.**
- **Selection of space on campus will take place after Spring Break. The date schedule is below:**
 - **March 12 – Same Room Selection from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm.**
 - **March 13 – Same Room Selection Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm.**
 - **March 15 – Honors Room Selection and Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. Brinson Honors College students can only claim a room in Balsam or Blue Ridge.**
 - **March 19 – Judaculla Suite Requests due. Groups of 4 students who want to occupy a full suite in Judaculla can apply by 5:00 pm.**
 - **March 20 – Judaculla Suite allocations made.**
 - **March 23 – Open Room Selection and Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in. Log-in times will be sent to students on March 22. Log-in starts at 9:00 am and continues until all students select.**



IMPORTANT REMINDER

TWO-YEAR ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENT ANNOUNCED PER WCU POLICY 96



- *The Department of Residential Living requires the current first-year class who entered in the Summer or Fall of 2023 to live in on-campus housing during their second academic year (AY 2024-2025).*
- Students impacted by this decision should not sign a lease for an off-campus housing provider for the 2024 – 2025 academic year.
- For full information on WCU Policy 96, please visit www.wcu.edu and search for “Policy 96.”



The Writing and Learning Commons

The Writing and Learning Commons (WaLC) offers writing support, course tutoring, and academic skills consults. Their office is located in Belk 207, and in the spring, its hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am – 9:00 pm, and Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- Students can make appointments with tutors by logging in to [Navigate](#) or calling 828-227-2274.
- Tutors provide a mix of in-person and virtual appointments.
- In addition to our services, distance students can access [Brainfuse](#), an online tutoring platform.
- The [Math Tutoring Center](#) in Stillwell 437 provides math tutoring support.

For more information, contact the [Writing and Learning Commons](#).

Health Services Stay Healthy Message

Several respiratory illnesses continue to circulate in our community. Flu, COVID, and RSV have increased across the United States. Please encourage your student to take precautions to avoid getting sick and spreading the illness to others.

Practice preventative measures:

- The number one way to prevent the spread of germs is to wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

If your student has symptoms of respiratory illness, cough, fever, body ache, runny nose, or sneezing, ask them to contact Health Services at 828-227-7640 to speak with a respiratory nurse. Health Services also has an array of over-the-counter medications that treat many of these symptoms. At-home COVID tests are also available for purchase for \$6.00 per test. We hope your student has a great Spring Semester and stays healthy.



**LUNAR NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION**

JOIN US FOR A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON!

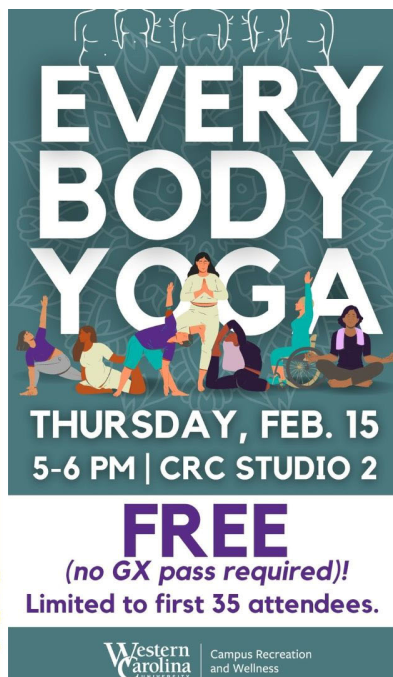
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024
6 PM-8 PM
UC GRAND ROOM

TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES, CULTURAL DISPLAYS,
& FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AWAIT YOU

ASIAN APPETIZERS & SNACKS
LION DANCE
CHINESE DULCIMER PLAYERS
MARTIAL ARTS DEMO
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FACE PAINTING
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**EVERY
BODY
YOGA**

THURSDAY, FEB. 15
5-6 PM | CRC STUDIO 2

FREE
(no GX pass required)!
Limited to first 35 attendees.

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**CATAMOUNT STRONG
BENCH PRESS
COMPETITION**
TUESDAY, FEB. 27 | 5 - 10 PM

**FREE TO
COMPETE
& PRIZES
TO WIN!**


**Register at myrec.wcu.edu
by Friday, 2/23 by noon or at the
front desk of the CRC**

*5 waves of time, 5 weight classes, prizes
for top winners in each weight class!*

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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 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.



Vote for Paws in the Ingles Mascot Challenge





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.

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



SECU PUBLIC FELLOWS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Visit the Center for Career and Professional Development's website or email ewaddell@wcu.edu for more information

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EARLY VOTING: FEB 15-MARCH 2

ELECTION DAY: MARCH 5

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MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



Center for Community Engagement
and Service Learning



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Growth Opportunities



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apply!

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Residential,
Retail, and More!**



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Schedule of Campus Events



Dates and Deadlines



February 15 - WCU Early Voting Begins

February 20 - Advising Day

*February 20 - Graduation Applications
for May are Due*

March 4 - 8 - Spring Break

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