Welcome Back Cats!!

The office of First Year Experience hopes you had an awesome Winter Break! Classes have begun and it’s time to get back to work. But first, there are a few important announcements this week!

**ANNOUNCEMTNS!**

- Message Board is now Monthly!
- **Add/Drop with a Refund!** – Last day is this Friday, January 17 5:00pm
- You do not receive a refund with a Withdrawal. Withdrawal ends on January 27\(^{th}\) at 5:00pm.
- Pay Bills in MyCat under Bill + Payment
- Financial Aid Refunds are to be released January 28\(^{th}\) via mail or direct deposit. But! **You must attend your classes, if not you will no longer be eligible for your refund!**
- Use of Financial Aid for School Supplies in Bookstore ends on Saturday January 18
- **NO CLASSES MONDAY JANUARY 20\(^{TH}\)**
Want to be in an issue of the Message Board?

A new section called “CUB’s Corner” IS NOW OPEN! This section is all about YOU!

Show off your creativity! We need new cubs to submit their own works such as an original poem, video, drawing/comic strip, short story, almost anything!

There will also be a lucky cub featured in one week’s issue for getting involved on campus. Whether it’s through volunteer work, club/organization, or an event on campus! Simply send in a picture or short video and a short description of yourself and what you’re doing to stay involved on campus! Need advice? Cub’s Corner will also feature an Ask Mitten’s column!

All submission types are to be sent to cubsaskmittens@yahoo.com!

MESSAGE 2 Weekly Reviews!

Explore—Discover—Make Memories!

MESSAGE 3 EVENTS

Your journey ---- Your goals

SPORTS
MENS BASKETBALL
WCU VS UNCG THURSDAY JANUARY 16 7PM
WCU VS ELON SATURDAY JANUARY 18 1PM
Discover College
Adapt to new environments and responsibilities - discover and use the resources available to you!

Be Involved
Identify and act upon your role and responsibility as an engaged citizen - be an active participant in your learning experiences!

Connect the Dots
Connect your personal interests and abilities, academics, and co-curricular activities as you make sense of the world.

Think First
Identify complex issues or problems – evaluate your options to make an informed decision - reflect on the implications of your choice.

Exchange Ideas
Communicate appropriately and respectfully in a variety of formats and contexts.

Calibrate Your Compass
Examine your values and goals - take responsibility for your own learning and development - act with integrity!