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April 2019

Kudos, Awards, and Recognition

In April we pause to recognize co-workers for their service to WCU and those who went above and beyond in their work and involvement in our campus community. We celebrate the accomplishments and growth of our students and show them our pride in their efforts and development. During this busy time in the semester, we hope you take the opportunity to participate in the upcoming award ceremonies and applaud our colleagues and students for their many successes.

We want to hear from you! Click here to share your ideas, good news or general feedback for the newsletter.

Division of Student Affairs Annual Celebration May 24th Award Nominations Open through April 30th

Mark your calendars, the annual Student Affairs awards luncheon will be held in Brown Hall on May
24th. Help us recognize the great work that happens every day in Student Affairs by nominating a colleague or co-worker for recognition during the celebration. Nominations will be open until April 30th. A list of previous award recipients is available on mydsa.wcu.edu.

Also - if you have photos from the past year that you would like included in the slide show, be sure to send them to Donna Reynolds.

Nominate Someone Today

If you would like to submit an idea or recommendation for this year’s celebration click the button below.

Share your Feedback on the Annual Celebration

Upcoming Awards Events

Celebrate Excellence Student Leadership Awards -
April 23, 2019 | 6:00pm
Outstanding Catamounts and clubs will be recognized for their achievements. (Blue Ridge)

Intercultural Affairs Graduation Celebration & Pinning - April 25, 2019 | 5:30pm
This event honors and celebrates the accomplishments and contributions of our under-represented students. (UC Grand Room)

ICA Graduation Celebration
April 25th, 2019 | 5:30pm | UC Grand Room

Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards - April 26, 2019 | 3:30pm
A wine and cheese reception in Illusions will follow the ceremony (UC Grand Room)
Lead the Way Campaign Celebration

Mark your calendar to attend the 'How we Lead: A Community Celebration' event on May 2nd, 11:30am - 1:00pm. The celebration will be held in the Ramsey Center and will include lunch, entertainment and the big reveal of the final dollar amount collected by the campaign. Join in celebrating all who donated and supported the campaign and WCU's commitment to student success. Everyone is invited.

Out of the Darkness Walk

A big thank you to everyone who worked to make the Out of the Darkness Walk such a success. The final numbers are being certified, but we estimate more than 100 participants came out in support of suicide prevention and raised more than $1,500.

Celebrate the Good News

Dr. Jessica Ange, Jodie Wade, Laura Buchanan, Crystal Shuler, Ashley Vinson, and Angela Mills attended the Southern College Health Association meeting in Durham, NC, March 13-15, 2019. Sessions included best practices in ADD/ADHD management, concussion protocols and administrative information regarding insurance claims management.

Kim Gorman, Brandon MacCallum and Shawna Young were selected to serve as 2019 Continuous Improvement Report Peer Evaluators.

During the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop regional conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, New Student
Orientation Graduate Assistant William Crandall was recognized for competing in the graduate student case study competition. Will and his assigned partner from Augusta University were given the “Best Problem Solving” award for their assigned case. Congratulations, Will, on your success!

A big congratulations to the Miracle@WCU team for raising a record $46,413 in support of the Children's Miracle Network!

New Staff in the Office of Student Affairs

_Michelle Costantino, Administrative Support Associate, Office of Student Affairs_

Please Welcome Michelle Costantino

My mother and I recently moved here from Arizona to be closer to my sister who lives in Sylva. We have been in Sylva since October and I’m loving the beautiful weather and the good people of NC! This is the first position I’ve had in a university setting. I’m really
enjoying the warmth and kindness of the people I work with in Student Affairs. It's been nice meeting the different students who come into the office. I'm looking forward to learning more about campus life, making friends and possibly taking classes at some point in the future.

NEWS & UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

- Continuity of Operation Plan
- Visiting student application revamp
- Record Open House
- Spring Blitz

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

- New self-help video
- Safe Spring Break
- CRW layout pilot
- Media Relations training

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
Graduate Assistant interviews
FLI applications
Miracle@WCU
First Floor Renovations

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CAMPUS SERVICES

Lower Campus Residence Hall project
Food insecurity
Room selection
Associate Director of Operations search

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DEAN of STUDENTS

Upcoming programs
Title IX training
• Case management
• ICA administrative program review site visit

MARKETING & ASSESSMENT

• Health & Wellness Education collaboration
• Motion graphics
• Snapchat update
• Mult-year assessment plans

DSA IT COMMITTEE

Do you routinely use the link to the Student Directory on the wcu.edu website to access student contact information? As a new security measure to protect student email accounts, that information will no longer be available from the Quick Links button on the website. To reduce the automated collection of student contact information, the student directory is now located on myWCU. In myWCU, scroll to the bottom of the page, you will see the link in the grey bar. The final IT Committee meeting of the semester will be held Friday, April 26th at 9:00am in the UC Dogwood Room.
LEADERSHIP MEETING

The Student Affairs Leadership team met on March 5, 2019. The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2019.

March meeting minutes

ONE BOOK ANNOUNCED

The 2019-2020 One Book will be Celeste Headlee's "We Need to Talk". All first year students will receive a copy of the book during New Student Orientation. Check out Celeste Headlee's Ted Talk below to learn more about her ideas.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GO

REMINDERS

Talent Development

Please take advantage of the training opportunities available on campus:

Talent & professional development
HR training & events
Diversity related trainings

IT Training

All WCU employees are required to participate in security awareness training. IT is offering this training through a vendor, KnowBe4. KnowBe4 sent everyone access information for this training via email on February 28th (check Clutter if you haven't seen the email). The training module takes 25 minutes and
includes a quiz at the completion of the module. You must pass the quiz and review and acknowledge Policy 52 (Responsible Use of Information Technology Resources) and the Data Handling Procedures documents to successfully complete the training. This training must be completed by April 5th.

Go directly to the training module

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Image of Tuck River Cleanup event]

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
Onsite Registration on the UC Lawn

Rafter Registration Round 1: 10am-11am (limited to 300 people)
Rafter Registration Round 2: 11am-12pm (limited to 300 people)
Rafter Registration Round 3: 12pm-1pm (limited to 300 people)
The first 500 volunteers who register will receive a FREE t-shirt!

Student Appreciation Week Events

[Image of Student Appreciation Week event]

UPCOMING DATES

April 2: DSA Leadership team meeting
April 4: University Budget Hearings 3:00pm, Blue Ridge
April 6: Valley of the Lilies Half Marathon & 5K
April 17-19: No classes
April 22-27: Student Appreciation Week
April 29: University Open Forum 3:00pm, UC Theater
May 3: Last day of classes