March 2019

Women's History Month

**Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence**

Women's History Month was established to commemorate and encourage ‘the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.’ Events will ‘honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.’ ([Nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org](http://Nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)) We encourage you to take the time this month to participate in events that celebrate and explore the role of women in history.

A good place to start is watching the WCU Diversity Dialogues - Women in Leadership video below.
Other Women's History Month Resources:

Diversity at WCU webpage & events calendar
National Women's History Museum
Women's Hall of Fame
Women's History Month
We Love WCU!

We want to share our thanks to everyone who was able to support the *I Love WCU* campaign! We are pleased to share that our divisional participation in this event rose to 23.4%. We also received an award for the "Most Improved" Giving Champions. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students and makes our community stronger. Thank you for sharing your love and support of WCU!
We want to hear from you! Click here to share your ideas for professional development, conference presentations, awards and good news or general feedback for the newsletter.

Celebrate the Good News

All five proposals (four student and one professional) that New Student Orientation submitted to the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) were selected for presentation at this year's conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in March. Every returning student-staff member will be presenting during the conference.


The NY Times recently published, As Students Struggle with Stress and Depression, Colleges Act as Counselors, click on the link to the 2017 report from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors co-authored by Kim Gorman.

Higher Education Student Affairs graduate student and Campus Recreation and Wellness Graduate Assistant,
TJ Eaves, has accepted the Assistant Director of Facilities in Campus Recreation position at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Congratulations TJ!

NEWS & UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

• Open House by the numbers
• Forming the class
• Cost comparison education
• Spring Blitz

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

• Flu may have peaked
• Mindfulness hike
• Mind-Body Synergy
• Love Your Body Week

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
• Associate Director for Leadership job posted
• Cat Camp
• WCU Miracle
• Homecoming 2019

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CAMPUS SERVICES

• Room selection
• Dining Advisory meetings
• Allen Hall gets windows
• Bookstore audit

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DEAN of STUDENTS

• Tunnel of Oppression
• AFLV conference
• ICA program review March 25-26
• Assistant Director for GSED job posted

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MARKETING & ASSESSMENT

• OIPE's new assessment director
• Web Services update
• DSA policy documents
• CIR peer evaluation

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DSA IT COMMITTEE

New Printers are here! With new printers comes new opportunities. IT has recently identified that the drivers for our new printers will not work consistently with Windows 7, even though installation appears successful.

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

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

**February meeting minutes**

**REQUEST FROM A COLLEAGUE**

Hello Colleagues,

I am writing to solicit your support in my research project. My research is on Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) and within the coming weeks you will receive an email from me asking you to participate in a survey. This survey will be testing your baseline knowledge on ESAs. I truly believe that the research I am doing will help our current understanding of ESAs at WCU and beyond. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

BaShaun Smith
Director of Residence Life
Ed.D. candidate

**SGA UPDATE**

The Student Government Association (SGA) has had a busy year. They decided to increase membership in the legislative branch which brought the total membership in SGA to 65 – the largest in school history. Another exciting development this year is that they now have a senator who holds a state position with the UNC system Association of Student Governments.

[Read more](#)
DEFINING AMERICA: WORLD’S FAIR

The Campus Theme Committee and the Office of Undergraduate Studies encourages the campus community to support the campus theme as we continue our journey of discovering and Defining America.

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ROCK & RUMBLE BOULDERING COMPETITION
The twelfth annual Rock and Rumble Bouldering Competition took place in the Campus Recreation Center on February 16th.

REMINDERS

Division of Student Affairs Annual Celebration

Mark your calendars, the annual Student Affairs awards luncheon will be held in Brown Hall on May 24th. Nominations will open March 11th and will be accepted through April 30th. Help us recognize the great work that happens every day in Student Affairs by participating in the nomination process. A list of previous award recipients is available on mydsa.wcu.edu. You will be receiving additional information on the nomination process soon.

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
Check out our new website!

safezone.wcu.edu

Talent Development

Please take advantage of the training opportunities available on campus:

Talent & professional development
HR training & events
Diversity related trainings

Celebrate Excellence

The Celebrate Excellence Student Affairs Leadership Awards Form is open until March 8th. Please take a minute to nominate an individual, program or organization that you feel deserves recognition. Feel free to share this link with your student leaders as well.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GO

Education Advisory Board Report: What are the Top Priorities for Higher Education Leaders in 2019?

Will higher ed be ready for the seismic shifts predicted for the next decade? Each college and university will need a bold strategic vision to continue to thrive—and this puts rising pressure on presidents and their leadership teams to create that vision and communicate it effectively across campus. Reporting by Kristin Tyndall, EAB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Base Camp Cullowhee 2019 Spring Break Trip: Canoe Expedition on the Rio Grande River

Students will go on a four day, 33 mile float trip through Boquillas Canyon on the Rio Grande River in Big Bend National Park. The trip will include scenic river, 1,200 foot canyon walls, back country camping and side hikes into slot canyons.
Hope Walks Here

Prevent Suicide at Western Carolina University
Out of the Darkness Walk

Sun. March 24, 1-4pm  wcu.ootd.walk@gmail.com
WCU Plaza, 1 University Way - Cullowhee, NC
Register at afsp.org/WCU

Valley of the Lilies
HALF MARATHON
& 5K
2019

Valley of the Lilies Half Marathon & 5K
The Valley of the Lilies will be held April 6, 2019. Register today to reserve your spot in the race! Race proceeds support WCU student professional development and travel for students in the School of Health Sciences or working with the Department of Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Visit race webpage

UPCOMING DATES

March 5: DSA Leadership team meeting
March 11-15: Spring break
March 22: Last day to drop with a W

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