October 2019

HOMECOMING 2019

"Once a Catamount, Forever a Catamount"

Homecoming is always a favorite in Catamount Nation! We celebrate our students coming back from Fall Break this year with our annual favorites which are rooted in traditions that prove you will always be 'Forever A Catamount'.

Homecoming will kick off on Monday, October 21st with limited edition tie dye t-shirts for our students on the UC Lawn from 4 pm - 6 pm. It's back and BIGGER than ever! Homecoming Carnival will be October 22nd taking over the UC Lawn, Central Plaza, and Blue Ridge Lawn. As always, WCU students are free and can avoid lines by picking up their wristbands early on October 9th. Our community is also welcome. Tickets for the
community are $7 for children under 15 and $5 for 16 and up. Forever a classic, The Blind Side movie will be playing on the UC Lawn at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 23rd. October 24th is the Homecoming Concert with Lee Brice and special guest HARDY! Lee Brice’s #1 hits include Rumor, A Woman Like You, Hard to Love, I Drive Your Truck, I Don’t Dance & Drinking Class. Get your tickets at Ramsey.wcu.edu.

Of course, come and cheer on the Catamounts while they do battle against Furman at 3:30pm. Don’t miss the crowning of the 2019 Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the football game. After the game, there will be the African American Alumni Reception and ending our Homecoming week on Sunday, October 27 at 10am with the Inspirational Choir Concert.

Proud to be a Forever Catamount!
CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS!

Paula Demonet obtained her LPC-S license. Colton Brown obtained his full licensure as a psychologist. Congratulations to the both of them!

Dr. Jay Manalo provided an invited presentation, “Managing the Intern Selection Process” at the Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies Annual Conference in Alexandria, VA.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend was held October 4 - 6. It was a great weekend, over 500 family members visited our campus. Student Affairs sold items from previous Family Weekends at a discounted price to support our Student Emergency Fund.
According to Dean Paulk, Assistant Director in Intercultural Affairs, Pride Week 2019 was a rousing
success. To see the campus come together to show support for the LGBTQ+ community was moving. The week started with a health fair and opportunity to take photos by rainbow-painted doors to represent coming out of the closet and a panel of LGBTQ+-identified students who shared their stories and struggles, as well as their honest and informative answers to questions from the audience. Tuesday, Sampson McCormick made folk laugh until they cried. Wednesday, S.E.X. in ICA taught us all more about STIs and safe sex practices. Thursday, there was a showing of the film Moonlight, followed by a panel of faculty and staff. Friday was our largest Drag Show yet, with over 1,000 attendees! Three WCU students performed in the show, and we couldn't be more proud of their stellar performances! Saturday capped off the week at Blue Ridge Pride in Asheville with a van trip for students to attend, many of whom had never been to a Pride event before. The week was full of fun, learning, and joy. Many of our LGBTQ+ faculty, staff, and students saw visible signs of support and were able to see themselves recognized and celebrated as a part of WCU. Thanks to Last Minute Productions (LMP), Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), and Intercultural Affairs (ICA) for their collaboration and support throughout this week of events.
AUTHOR TO GIVE KEYNOTE

One Book Author, 'We Need to Talk, Celeste Headlee, to give Keynote Address with reception and book signing to follow on October 28.

For more information, please visit 2019-20 One Book.

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DSA IT Committee

The simplest and most recommended way to work with our campus’s multi-factor authentication is the Microsoft Authenticator App!

Don’t forget to complete your required IT Security Training. This year’s training is a 15-minute module, which can be completed via audio or script. Use the link sent via email from IT Help Desk on October 1.

Reminders will be sent during the training window, and supervisors will receive notifications for employees who have not completed the course.

The DSA IT Committee meets the third Friday of each month @ 9:00 am in the UC Dogwood Room.
CELEBRATE YOUR LEGACY

Leave your mark by purchasing a brick on the Catamount Legacy Walk! Located by the Alumni Tower, the walk features bricks engraved with a name or personal message that honors members of the Western Carolina University family.

- Celebrate a special occasion such as a birth, anniversary or graduation
- Honor a friend or loved one from WCU who has impacted your life
- Recognize a graduate, student, professor or friend
- Celebrate a graduate’s educational and athletic successes as a Catamount

Funds raised by the Catamount Legacy Walk support the Student Emergency Fund. Donors receive a commemorative certificate for each brick commissioned. Bricks can be purchased via payroll deduction, credit card and check.

For more information please contact the Office of Student Affairs at (828) 227-7147.

FLU SHOT CLINIC ANNOUNCED
Don't forget to schedule your appointment for the Flu Shot. Health partners will be on campus **October 29 and 30 in UC, Illusions**.

Current employees and dependents enrolled and insured with the State Employee's Health Plan are eligible to participate in the flu clinic and the cost is FREE.

You MUST bring your insurance ID card, a photo ID, and sign a consent for treatment form at the time of service.
LEADERSHIP MEETING

The Student Affairs Leadership team met on October 1, 2019.

October meeting minutes

Talent Development

Please take advantage of the training opportunities available on campus:
Talent & professional development
HR training & events
Diversity related trainings

2020-2021 One Book Theme

Do you have suggestions for the 2020-2021 One Book? We are looking for nominations that are complimentary with the next Campus Interdisciplinary Theme: "WATER"

Accepting nominations until October 21, 2019

Click Here to Nominate

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GO

Careers in Student Affairs Month 2019

Careers in Student Affairs (CSAM) is a month-long initiative, each October. CSAM is dedicated to the celebration of a career in student affairs, education and awareness in the profession, and engagement with professional associations and peers in the field. NASPA shared more directly, that the goals of Careers in Student Affairs Month are to:

- Celebrate the field of student affairs through opportunities to reflect on individual journeys and experiences
• Provide professional development for student affairs administrators in higher education
• Encourage and promote the profession in order to grow the field of student affairs
• Cultivate spaces for dialogue related to pertinent topics within student affairs

Read more

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.

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