



SEPTEMBER 2018

Message from the Vice Chancellor: **A NEW YEAR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Whew! Going, going, gone! Labor Day signals the end of the summer season and the beginning of fall. It also means we've completed another successful opening at WCU! I love the start of the academic year with the rush of activities and all the energy that comes with it. I love how WCU goes from slow to slammed over a few days. As we open with another year of record enrollment, we are certain to have many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our students!

Our Division includes an amazing number of services provided by friendly and knowledgeable colleagues. Across all of our teams, these colleagues go the extra mile to help students start the year off in a positive way. We are solving problems, setting up and breaking down events, and helping students navigate all sorts of challenges. Your examples remind and inspire me that at our core, that's what our Division is all about - making a difference for our students and our campus community. Those one-on-one moments, taking the

time to share a kindness, offer encouragement, or a warm smile can make a powerful difference.

Thank you for a great opening and all the amazing work that will take place over the course of this year. I'm proud to be part of the WCU Student Affairs team!

Sam Miller
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS!

CAPS was **reaccredited** by the **International Association of Counseling Services** for 2018-2019.

Carol Barnao won a [design contest](#) for the TNT show Animal Kingdom.

Maeve Kirby, Residential Case Manager in Residential Living, was the recipient of the **First Year Advocate Award** by the Office of Student Transitions at 2018 Convocation.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS PICNIC AWARDS

The annual Student Affairs divisional picnic was held May 30th and the following people were recognized:

Special Recognition

- Dr. Jeff Davis, Health Services

New Employee

- Maeve Kirby, Residential Living
- Srisuda McCollough, Admissions
- Tony Ray, Residential Living

- Kelsey Woodford, Financial Aid

Excellence in Student Affairs

- Annaleise Camacho, Residential Living
- Katie Williams Lanning, Health Services and CAPS
- Stephanie Sue Rowell, Campus Activities
- Josh Sanders, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Kati Smith, Bookstore
- Barbara Starnes, Health Services
- Jennifer Thomas, Bookstore
- Valley of the Lilies

Service Awards

5 Years

- Michael Bradley, Residential Living
- Mary Sue Coggins, Residential Living
- Rita Dills, Residential Living
- Kim Gorman, CAPS
- Steve Leamon, Residential Living
- Jay Manalo, CAPS
- James Thomas, Residential Living
- Stephanie Wikle, Residential Living
- Michelle Wood, Admissions
- Christy Newell Wyatt, CAPS

10 Years

- Laura Allison, Residential Living
- Pam Buchanan, Residential Living
- Sam Miller, Office of Student Affairs
- Glenna Rowe, Residential Living

15 Years

- Wanda Dills, Residential Living
- Phyllis Franks, Residential Living
- Bonnie Gunter, Residential Living
- Katie Williams Lanning, Health Services and CAPS

20 Years

- Carrie Shuler, Residential Living

CONFERENCES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Kim Gorman completed a site visit for the International Association of Counseling Services at West Virginia University.

Shauna Sage and Shawna Young were selected as Student Affairs representatives for evaluating the summer Continuous Improvement Reports.

Shawna Young and Dean Martin (HESA) presented at the NC Independent Colleges and Universities Assessment Conference - 'Creating a Common Language: Orienting New Employees to the Assessment Context of their New Institution'.

NEWS & UPDATES

ENROLLMENT



- Final enrollment
- Fall 2019 cycle
- Deadlines are serious

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HEALTH & WELLNESS



- Theme for 2018-2019
- CRW anniversary
- COPE skills series

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



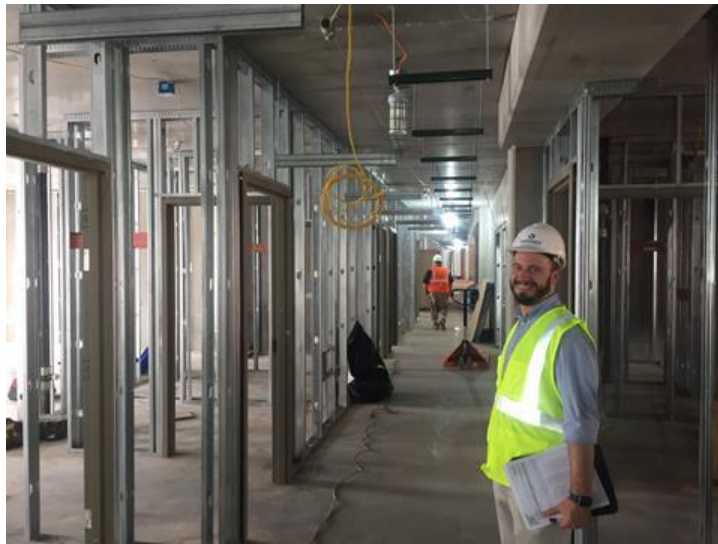
- Student staff training
- Snapchat
- Elections

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CAMPUS SERVICES



- Reflection on opening
- Construction update

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DEAN of STUDENTS



- ICA program updates
- Freshmen Run

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MARKETING & ASSESSMENT



- [Data Matters](#)
- [2018-2019 CIR trainings](#)

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DSA IT COMMITTEE



The IT committee will hold its first meeting September 21st.

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

Held September 4th, the meeting included a presentation by the Health & Wellness team and a discussion of the Student Affairs strategic plan bridge document.

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I will **LIVE** by high standards of academic and personal **INTEGRITY**.

I will **EMBRACE** my **RESPONSIBILITIES** as a member of this community.

I will **RESPECT** the rights and well-being of **OTHERS**.

I will **VALUE DIVERSITY**, inclusive excellence, and individual differences.

I will **ENGAGE MYSELF** in the artistic, cultural and academic life of my University.

I will **CELEBRATE** and express pride in **WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**.

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Over the summer, several Student Affairs departments conducted successful searches to fill open positions. A big Catamount welcome to our new colleagues, we are happy to have you join our team!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GO

In support of the Health and Wellness teams' 2018-2019 theme, we offer Kelly McGonigal's TED Talk - 'How to make stress your friend'.



CHEROKEE ART UNVEILING

Join Undergraduate Studies in unveiling BFA student Todd Martin's public sculpture installed in the Killian Courtyard September 21st at 1:00 pm. The sculpture, 'Wi', was created as part of the 2017-2018 Campus Theme, Cherokee: Community. Culture. Connections.

REMINDERS

Lost & Found

The new Student Affairs Lost and Found process began September 5th. All departments are asked to enter found items into an [online database](#) while we work to identify and contact owners. Items not matched with an owner will be brought to the collection desk in the UC for storage twice each week. Questions? Call Campus Activities x7206.

WCU Works

WCU Works is a certificate program offering employees professional development in skills and competencies vital to organizational and professional success. The new 2018-2019 program kicked off with the WCU Works Showcase on September 12. For more information, call x2590 or [email Chris Dahlquist](#) .

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CAMPUS THEME

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America
Past. Present. Future.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 21: Graduation application deadline

Sept. 21-23: Family Weekend

Sept. 21: Family Weekend Talent Show

Sept. 24: 5th week grades are due

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