Welcome Back!

We hope you’re excited to get your Spring semester underway. Recently, we had the pleasure of attending a dinner for new transfer students here at WCU. One of the presenters asked them a rhetorical question, “What would you do if you knew you could not fail?” Think about it. What are your goals and dreams in life? What do you want to do when you graduate? How successful do you want to be here at WCU? All throughout the semester, we’ll be putting on events designed to answer those questions for you. As a sophomore or junior, we know issues regarding major selection, internships, graduate school, and more often come up. Imagine a place where you could tackle all those issues in one sitting. Such a place exists! It’s the UC Grandroom; join us on February 5th at noon for the EXTREMES Fair. How’d you do grades-wise last semester? If you’re a Junior and made the Dean’s List, you’ll have a special invitation delivered to your catamount e-mail soon! And finally, we can’t end the semester without some fun. Remember Village Palooza? We’re bringing it back, and we need your help in deciding who should headline it! Be on the lookout for information about all these events; in the meantime, check out more below. Make it a great semester. Come see us if we can help!

**What’s Happening**

**January**

15—Comedian Ronnie Jordan (UC Illusions)
17-18—LMP Movie: Last Vegas
18—Men’s Basketball vs. Sanford
23—WCU 125th Anniversary Kickoff Event
Men’s Basketball vs. Davidson
24-25—LMP Movie: Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2
25—Women’s Basketball vs. Georgia Southern
26—Smokey Joe’s Café (Bardo Arts Center)
27—Women’s Basketball vs. Davidson

**THINGS TO KNOW**

**EXTREMES Fair**
Need help finding a part-time job? How about declaring a major? Want to make better grades? What about studying abroad, or giving back to the community? Want to win a scholarship? Have you thought about what classes to take for the Fall? What about graduate school, or job opportunities?

Overwhelmed yet? That’s why we’re here! Join us for the EXTREMES Fair on Wednesday, February 5th. It starts at noon in the UC Grandroom. Various academic and student success departments will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Then, join us at 2 PM for a keynote speech by Will Keim in the UC Theater, followed by breakout sessions on advising, resume building/job opportunities, study abroad, and much more! Look for a schedule to be sent out soon. Make plans to join us now on February 5th for this exciting opportunity!

**EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Whee Lead**

Make plans to attend WCU’s Annual Whee Lead conference this year! It’s happening Saturday, February 22nd. A select group of faculty and staff members at WCU will be presenting on various topics pertaining to leadership. Want to know how to be a better person and change the world? Make plans to attend now! Plus, come listen to nationally-renowned speaker Josh Fredenburg deliver a powerful message on leadership success and social change. See you on February 22nd!

**WCU Turns 125!**

Western Carolina University is celebrating its quasquicentennial! Wait... what? Here’s what we really mean: WCU is turning 125 this year. It all starts with the 125th anniversary
Celebrate Your Major!
Have you already declared a major? Time to celebrate it by dressing up for it! Think long and hard... what would you wear while going to work at a job in your major field of study? The theme for this year’s EXTREMES Fair is **Celebrate Your Major**, and the EXTREMES prize patrol will be on hand all day on February 5th handing out prizes to those students who are celebrating their majors. So, start planning that outfit now to win some cool stuff on February 5th!

Junior Jamboree
Last semester, we had close to 50 sophomores that received a certificate, lapel pin, and a special congratulations from the Provost for their placement on the Dean’s List. Juniors, it’s your turn this semester! Our Junior Jamboree event is happening Wednesday, March 5th at 6 PM in the Blue Ridge Conference Center. You’ll be receiving an invitation with more information in the coming weeks, so keep an eye on your catamount e-mail!

We Need Your Help!
As we round out the semester, we want to make it a great one for you. That’s why EXTREMES is spearheading this year’s Village Palooza. It’s happening Saturday, April 26th, during student appreciation week. We’ve gotten your feedback from past events, and are working to make this year’s event better than ever. We still need your input regarding what acts you want to headline this event! Submit your ideas using the contact information on the left-hand side of this page. We’ll be keeping you posted on Village Palooza as the semester rolls on!

celebration kick off on Thursday, January 23rd at 12:25 PM at the UC Grandroom. Other events will be planned, both this semester and next, to celebrate our university’s 125th university. Check out all of the events at celebrate125.wcu.edu!

Dance Marathon
Ready to show off your dance moves? On Saturday, March 1st, students will be dancing nonstop for 12 hours, from noon-midnight, all for a good cause; all proceeds go to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network and Greenville Children’s Hospital! Come have some fun with us on March 1st by registering now! We’re offering a discount of $25 until February 14th, which covers lunch and dinner on this day. Plus, you get a free t-shirt and other prizes! [Click here](#) for more information and to register!

Ways to Get Involved
Make an impact on campus and the surrounding community by getting involved! Recruitment is starting up for most of our fraternities and sororities. Visit [gogreek.wcu.edu](http://gogreek.wcu.edu) for more information. Check out [OrgSync](http://OrgSync) for a complete listing of clubs and organizations offered at WCU. For in-class opportunities, consider our 18 credit-hour leadership minor. Don’t forget about [Student Government Association](http://SGA) (SGA) Opportunities too!

Make it a good semester!