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March 2020

Coronavirus Update

Dear WCU Parents and Families:

Western Carolina University continues to closely monitor the spread of respiratory illness caused by the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. Although North Carolina officials have confirmed the state's first case of COVID-19, the illness is not currently widespread in North Carolina. There are no known cases on the WCU campus or within our WCU community abroad. A campus response team continues to plan internally as well as with our community partners for a swift response, should the need arise.

WCU Health Services provides regular updates to the campus community through the [Public Health Alerts](#) webpage. The university will continue to monitor the situation and update the campus community as it evolves.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to follow the same precautions to protect against COVID-19 that we use to prevent the spread of flu and other viral illnesses. Wash your hands frequently, sneeze or

cough into your elbow (not your hands), avoid touching your face and do not share food, cups or utensils with others. Also, avoid others that are sick and avoid contact if you feel sick yourself.

With spring break approaching, many students may be traveling either domestically or internationally. Please encourage your student to use their good information and judgment about travel plans. For students planning to travel outside the country, we recommend they monitor the [CDC travel notices](#) for information related to their destination.

During Spring Break, we also encourage students and their family members to review [CDC Facts About COVID-19](#) together. Again, over the break WCU will continue to monitor the situation and post updates on our website.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping the WCU community of faculty, staff, students, and families stay safe and healthy this Spring Break.

Sincerely,

H. Sam Miller
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

**Make sure your student has updated their
emergency contact information - Log in to
myWCU.wcu.edu - Click on Personal Services -
Update Emergency Contact**

Installation Week

**March 21st - 27th - Installation Week for Chancellor
Bown**

Saturday, March 21st - Paint the Town Purple
Wednesday, March 25th - Chancellor's Catamount
Cookout



On March 27, 2020, Dr. Kelli R. Brown will be installed as the 12th Chancellor of Western Carolina University. This event heralds a new era for our university as we focus on honoring our promises to students, who realize their dreams through the pursuit of academic excellence, and to the region, where we strive to achieve an inclusive future that values Western North Carolina's rich history.

Student presence and involvement are essential to the spirit of this event and we hope you will encourage your student to attend if their class schedule allows. WCU will not be canceling classes but the event will be saved for viewing later. The Installation will also be broadcast live if you would like to watch the event. Click on the button below to access the stream and see a list of all events scheduled for the week.

A couple of events may be of particular interest to your student -

Paint the Town Purple

March 21 | 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

[Downtown Sylva & Dillsboro](#)

A community-centered and spirited expression of Catamount Pride as we celebrate the connection between WCU and our closest neighbors. Merchants and shops in Sylva and Dillsboro will be decked out in purple and gold. Come out to shop, socialize, eat and drink with friends and our community partners.

Chancellor's Catamount Cookout

March 25 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

[Childress Field at Hennon Stadium](#)

Students and members of the campus community celebrate in an old-fashioned cookout before the Catamount baseball team takes on Gardner-Webb. Bring your friends and co-workers and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. Be a part of the installation celebration and stay to cheer on your Catamounts!

Installation Events

Vote for Paws!

Ingles is awarding the winning school a **ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR** scholarship to be announced at the men's championship of this year's Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Tournament... AND donating another \$1K on behalf of that school to Hoops Against Hunger! Click on the button below and scroll down until you see the "Click Here to Vote" button.

Vote Before March 9th



Family Weekend 2020

SAVE the DATE!

Family Weekend will be held September 18 - 20, 2020.

Family Weekend is an engaging and exciting annual tradition at Western! Over the course of the weekend, we will welcome parents and families to visit campus to interact with students, organizations, attend a social or athletic event and visit places that have become special to your student.

Registration will open in July. The 2020 Family Weekend schedule will be posted online after the start of the fall semester. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer School

Raft the Tuck, hike Panthertown, paddleboard at Bear Lake, all while getting ahead on your course schedule and spending time with friends that will create lifetime memories. If you have not considered summer courses at WCU, discover why you should consider summers in Cullowhee.

Summer registration for current students is similar to the fall and spring registration process. Your student should meet with their faculty advisor to review their proposed summer and fall schedules and obtain their pin number for registration. Review the information below for a step-by-step guide to summer school enrollment.

Summer School Information



Opportunities at the Bardo Arts Center



Undergraduate Exhibition

Exhibition: February 18 - March 20, 2020

This juried exhibition experience is one of the longest-running Catamount art traditions. For emerging artists, this exhibition is an extraordinary opportunity to share their artwork with a larger public and to enhance their skills in presenting artwork in a professional gallery setting. Their work is reviewed by an outside art professional who has the challenge of making selections from the many talented students who submit an application. This year, the exhibition is juried by Tracey Morgan, owner of Tracey Morgan Gallery in Asheville. All free and open to the public. Image featured: Kristen Price, Late Night Run, 2019, photograph.



John Brown Big Band

Thursday, March 5 at 7:30PM

Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall

PRE-EVENT: 6:30 PM: Enjoy live jazz music while you explore the WCU Fine Art Museum exhibitions.

The John Brown Big Band brings jazz classics and contemporary cutting-edge arrangements to the Bardo Arts Center stage. Tickets are only \$5 for students. Tickets and info at arts.wcu.edu/johnbrownjazz or visit the Bardo Arts Center box office.

Is your student planning to work on campus?

Be sure to have 2 original forms of ID to complete the required I-9 paperwork.



STOP

THE SPREAD OF GERMS.

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Important Dates

March 5 - 9	SoCon Basketball Tournament
March 9	Last day to vote for Paws
March 9 - 13	Spring Break
March 20	Hunter Library Book Sale
March 24	Campus Ghost Tour
March 27	Chancellor Brown's Installation
March 28	Dance Marathon by Miracle at WCU



Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Student Activities Calendar

Campus Rec & Wellness



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