Updated Academic Calendar

The Spring and Summer 2021 calendars have been updated. Classes will begin on January 25th and even though spring break has been cancelled, Easter break has been extended. Reading day and Advising day remain as no class days and final exams will end on May 14th. If your student plans to attend summer classes they may choose to begin Mini-mester on May 17th, Session I on June 2nd, or Session II on July 6th.

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Construction Project

The demolition of Scott Hall is well underway and will immediately be followed by the demolition of Walker Hall. To enhance the project’s environmental sustainability, masonry and concrete from the demolished buildings will be used as fill material for new recreational fields.
Tuition and Fee Committee

The tuition and fee committee meet each year to review proposed increases to tuition and fees and make recommendations to the Chancellor. The committee is co-chaired by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Student Government Association President. Their primary goals are to actively solicit student input on proposed changes and to certify student involvement in the process. Membership on this committee is comprised of 1 faculty member, 5 staff members, and 6 student members. Find out more on the Tuition and Fee Committee Website.

Cell Phone Service: Relocation and Experience

We have received several comments recently about cell service in Cullowhee and surrounding areas. Both Verizon's and AT&T's cell phone equipment had to be moved prior to the current demolition of Scott and Walker halls. Verizon has installed a new tower located near the parking lot behind the Catamount Center/Post Office, while AT&T is currently installing new equipment on top of the Rec Center, with an expected completion date in November. In the interim, AT&T is allowing roaming on the US Cellular tower located at the Cullowhee Airport. If you have experienced issues recently, you should report them to your respective mobile provider.
Voting on Campus

It is your student's right to vote and we are here to support them. At vote.wcu.edu your student can find out everything they need to know to vote in November. Registering, voter ID, voter education, and more is available.

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September Campus Updates

Below is some of the information that has been shared with your student over the past few weeks.

**Fall 2020 End of Semester Process** The last day of face-to-face classes is November 20. Residence Halls and Dining Facilities will remain open until December 5. If students are returning to campus in the spring they do not need to move-out of their room.
**Spring 2021 Beginning of Semester Move-In** Classes are scheduled to resume on January 25. Residence halls will begin allowing students to return/move-in on January 16. All students will be required to sign-up for the day and time they want to move into their building.

**Lower Campus Residence Halls Project Webcam**
A publicly accessible [web camera](#) is available for the WCU Lower Campus Residence Halls Project.

**WCU Admission Tours to Resume**
Campus tours for prospective students resumed in September. A new tour process incorporates Catamounts Care prevention strategies to minimize the chances for COVID-19 exposure and transmission.

**Catamounts Care Standards Continue to be the Key to On-campus Operations**
We appreciate everyone who is working hard to follow WCU community health standards - wear face coverings, practice physical distancing, and wash your hands. [Visit the Catamounts Care Website](#)

**Commencement Plans**
As our state continues to open and guidance on size and management of gatherings evolve, December commencement planning is underway. The team here at WCU is working diligently to plan a commencement that will allow us to celebrate and recognize our students' accomplishments in a meaningful and safe way.

**WCU Will Keep the NC Phase 2 Re-opening Mass Gathering Limits in Place**
Chancellor Brown and the University's Executive Council have decided to extend the Governor's Phase 2 guidance relating to mass gatherings (10 for indoor gatherings and 25 for outdoor gatherings) until further notice.

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**Important Dates**

**October 17** - Data Center Outage

**October 23** - Last day to withdraw from a class

**October 27** - Advising Day/no classes

**October 28** - First day to Register for Spring and summer

**November 20** - Last day for face-to-face classes

**November 24** - Last day of classes

**November 25-29** - Thanksgiving Break

**November 30-December 4** - Final Exams