Starting next week on Monday, October 19th, GSED Staff will begin spot checking chapter Engage pages for roster accuracy, advisor information accuracy, service hour input, event usage, photo/video content, and officer position accuracy. If your page is not up to date with the R&R required information, you will have a meeting set with the GSED Staff to talk about repercussions moving forward.
"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."
- William James

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

The New Member Education PowerPoint and Training are now available on the GSED Branch Engage page. This must be completed by all new members from this semester, and those who didn’t complete the training last semester, by November 15th at 5pm.

MAILBOX REMINDER

Please be sure that someone from your chapter is regularly coming into the GSED Office (UC 334) to check your mailbox. We have quite a few organizations with bank statements and other important documents in there.

SELF-CARE ENCOURAGEMENT

Here in the office, the staff is sympathetic with the fact that this semester is tiring, frustrating, exhausting, and stressful. We feel it too. Which is why we would like to take a second to encourage all of you to look after yourselves and your mental and physical health. It’s okay to take time away from responsibilities to ensure that you are putting your best self forward, or at least trying to do the best you can.

Please remember that the following resources exist on campus for you to utilize:
- CAPS
  828-227-7469
- Campus Recreation Center
  828-227-7069
  reccenter.wcu.edu
- Health Services
  828-227-7640

ELECTION REMINDER

Please provide GSED with a list of newly elected officers once your elections are completed.

ADVISOR RETREAT

GSED will be hosting an Advisor Retreat via Zoom on Saturday, October 17 from 9AM-12PM. We will have a few guest speakers come in to talk about important information, discuss R&R and the removal of deferred recruitment, and provide an opportunity for questions and guidance throughout this semester.

Please email Shelby Gerwin (sgerwin@wcu.edu) ASAP to let her know if you will be in attendance.

So far, Shelby has NOT received responses from:
- Pi Lambda Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

Please let her know whether you will or will not be there.
"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
- Oscar Wilde

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NPHC PLOT VS. GARDEN
A NPHC Plot is an individual space dedicated to a particular NPHC fraternity or sorority. A NPHC Garden is a collaborative and collective space that recognizes the members of NPHC. Plots are oftentimes painted with the colors of the organization they represent, while gardens are more formal and neutral colored.

ANTI-RACISM BANNER
Thank you to all who visited the table with all of the council/organization representatives to sign the banner condemning racism in our community. Please expect both a follow up educational email and future collaborative opportunities to supplement the vow you took to condemn racism. These conversations are only starting, but are expected to be followed up with meaningful action.

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES
It's time for WCU’s Military Student Services Annual Holiday Mail for Heroes Campaign! Visit one of these locations:
- Biltmore Park, 3rd floor study area
- Hunter Library, near the circulation desk
- HHS, by the main entrance on the second floor
- Veterans Resource Center, 2nd floor of the UC
- Military Student Services, 138 Camp Building

Pick up a packet of cards to take, sign, and return, or sign a few cards right there. You can also drop off donations of cards! All cards will go to service members of all branches of the military. If you have a family member, know a service member, or are a service member who will not be with family during the holidays, let Military Student Services know! They will prepare a holiday package and send it to that person.

CATAMOUNTS CARE
GSED would like to remind you that all students, faculty, and staff must be wearing their masks, physically distancing, washing their hands, and doing what they need to in order to keep everyone safe. You should not be gathering in groups of more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, unless specified capacity regulations allow more people.

DATE REMINDERS
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week: 10/19-10/25
- CPC Town Hall: 10/28 at 7pm via Zoom
- November 1: NPHC Etiquette
- November 4: Virtual CPC Night
- New Member Education: due 11/15 at 5pm on Engage and will be opened soon
- Last Day of In Person Classes is 11/20