GSED would like to congratulate Cristina Colom Muñoz, a member of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc., on completing their senior capstone masterpiece! Cristina created a powerful piece that “is intended to question our relationships with borders and what they represent” and explore the concept of increased border security and how it harms marginalized people seeking asylum. They used slipcast ceramic bricks, string, and handmade cotton paper to create the project!

If you have any members of your organization being recognized in huge ways, let us know so we can celebrate them!
"When they go low, we go high."
- Michelle Obama

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.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS REMINDER

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

ROSTER REMINDER

The deadline to submit your updated roster for this semester is December 1st at 5pm. This is to be done via the form on the GSED Engage page labeled “Chapter Roster End of Semester Form.” After this date, everyone that is included on your current roster will be used to calculate your semester GPA. After December 1st at 5pm your roster WILL NOT BE CHANGED.

OFFICER TRANSITION AND INFO TRANSFER

Officer transitions are upon us for many chapters who are holding elections this semester. GSED would like to remind you to please pass on all you have done for R&R this semester, so you don’t have to go back next semester and try to remember everything you did. Go fill out all of the templates on the GSED Engage page to the best of your ability in order to prepare your next officer board as best as you can.

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

GSED would like to make everyone aware that the Delta Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Order will be returning to WCU beginning next semester. They will become members of the Interfraternity Council, and will begin recruiting new members when we return.

ENGAGE

This is a reminder from GSED to take time over the break to update and beef-up your chapter Engage pages. Surveys from this semester say that younger students are utilizing Engage to see events and opportunities more than social media. Put photos, videos, contact information, social media information, events, officers, and everything else on there. Treat it as if it’s another social media page. Beginning in Fall 2021 it will be imperative to utilize these pages to help you recruit and market.

WISHLIST

For Christmas this year, Shelby would like a lifetime supply of Utz cheese balls and LC would like a one-way ticket to Tahiti. Thank you in advance.
"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans." - Allen Saunders

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IN PERSON EVENTS**

GSED is requesting that from this point forward until noted otherwise, all chapters must run their in person event plans by Caleb, Shelby, and/or LC BEFORE the events are marketed and set in place. We want to ensure that our chapters are posing absolutely, 100% zero potential risk of transmitting anything during this pandemic. If you chose to hold an in person event, and do not run it by one of the aforementioned staff first, we could require that you cancel the event should it not be in the best interest of the public and keeping people safe.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS BOX**

The Jackson County Department of Aging has provided GSED with information about another community service opportunity!

Operation Christmas Box 2020 is happening for homebound elderly residents in the community who will not have much of a Christmas this year due to COVID.

Four ways to help:
1. Gift wrap a 12x12 box or reusable basket of similar size and fill it with some suggested items
2. Give a gift bag filled with small personal items for men and women who need a visit and a remembrance gift
3. “Play Santa” and deliver the gifts
4. Give a monetary donation

Suggested items include batteries, dish soap, toilet paper, tissues, scarves/gloves, canned fruit or meat, lotions, shampoo/soap/hand soap, pasta, socks, lip balm, blankets, toothpaste and brushes.

Please put the boxes/baskets on the metal shelf in front of the building at 100 County Services Park, Sylva BEFORE November 20, 2020

Questions? Call 828-586-5494

**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.

**NEW NC STATE MANDATE**

Beginning Friday, November 13 and ending tentatively on Friday, December 4, the state of North Carolina has limited all gatherings of people indoors to 10. ALL CHAPTERS AND STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THIS MANDATE NO QUESTIONS ASKED, NO EXCEPTIONS.