GSED would like to congratulate Alejandra González-Céspedes, a member of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc., on receiving a Project Interact Scholarship! Alejandra will receive 3 semesters of paid tuition to take courses that will prepare her to work with children with autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disabilities in an interprofessional care model!

If you have any members of your organization being recognized in huge ways, let us know so we can celebrate them!
"When purchasing gifts becomes the focal point of the season, we lose focus on what's truly important."  
- Joshua Fields Millburn

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IFC JUDICIAL BOARD

IFC has completed the training and formation of their IFC Judicial Board which became effective 11/17/2020. If any of you would like to report any concerns regarding IFC chapters or members, please fill out the form at this link:
https://wcu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/437414

CPC RECRUITMENT

Panhellenic Formal Recruitment is January 20-24, before classes start next semester. If you know anyone who is interested in signing up for CPC Recruitment, please have them create a profile and fill out the form at the link here:
https://mycampusdirector2.com/login/?group=

The fee to go through the recruitment process is $35.

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 final roster for this semester is December 1st at 5pm. EVERY CHAPTER MUST SUBMIT A ROSTER. 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 submitted roster will be used to calculate your semester GPA. After December 1st at 5pm your roster WILL NOT BE CHANGED. Please leave the members who are graduating in December on your roster! You will be able to remove them when you submit a new roster at the beginning of the Spring semester.

BREAK BEHAVIOR REMINDER

GSED would like to remind everyone that although you will not be on campus for a while, the actions and behaviors you exhibit over break follow you back to WCU and follow your organizations wherever you go. Please be responsible.

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.

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"Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for."
- Maya Angelou

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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 choose 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.

GOOD LUCK!
We would like to wish everyone in the community good luck on their final exams and projects in the weeks to come! You all have pushed through a hard semester, don't stop now! Almost there!

SIDE NOTES
Here is a list of side notes that GSED would like to provide in response to questions we've received in the last few weeks!

- You do not have to be a “member” of the GSED Engage page to access the documents and forms! It's now a branch, and all organizations are under the branch! So if you can't see something you're trying to see just ask one of the GSED Staff.

- All service hours are required by WCU and for R&R to be put in Engage. If you do not know how to do this, email sgerwin@wcu.edu for instructions from Shelby.

- Even though next semester will look similar to this semester, organizations are still expected to be programming and completing service, and GSED will still be programming for the community - we’re not done.

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.

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade didn't have any balloons.
- Americans prepare 46 million turkeys for Thanksgiving each year.
- The woman who wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb" (Sarah Josepha Hale) is also responsible for making Thanksgiving an official holiday.