The Student Government Association (SGA) is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Student Senate! Being a Senator is a great way to represent your student peers and gain leadership experience. Applications can be accessed at the link below and will close on August 7th. If you have any questions please contact the Student Body Vice President, Aaron Speyer, at alspeyer1@catamount.wcu.edu.

https://wcu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/422821
With many of our houses losing members to off-campus living accommodations, we, as an institution, are trying to manage the many curve balls COVID 19 is throwing at us. Village housing is the next challenge.

Because of the low totals for some chapter houses, Res Life and GSED were forced to make the tough decision to begin combining chapters into various houses together. NPC groups will be paired together and IFC groups will be paired together. We will also be removing the Sorority/Fraternity letters from all of the houses in the Village for the year. Housing statuses this year will not effect applications for housing next year.

This process and plan took weeks to consider, and we understand that any decision of change was not going to be ideal. But this process will free up beds for Residential Living to work through their extensive wait list and allow for some other COVID-19 related planning to occur regarding isolation areas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact LC.

There are currently higher-level discussions happening about student organization and WCU-related travel for faculty, staff, and students. These decisions will affect how far everyone can travel, how many people can be in attendance, what types of activities are restricted, etc. There will be more details to come on this topic, GSED just wanted to make you all aware to expect this information soon.

The GSED Office wants to inform/remind all chapters about the parameters for a living space to be considered an "annex house", or an extension of your organization. Any apartment, house, or structure (on and/or off campus) where over half of the tenants are members of an organization could be considered an annex house. Please keep in mind that any violations of WCU, State, or Federal regulations could bring liability upon both your chapter and your Inter/National organization.

In addition, any event held in these spaces (on the record and/or off the record), where chapter members are in attendance, could be considered a chapter function.

Think of the phrase, “If it looks like a duck, sounds like a duck, walks like a duck, then it's probably a duck.” If an event is at an apartment or house rented by mostly members of your organization, with a decent amount of your organization’s members in attendance, and the walls/decorations/flags/pillows have your letters on them, then it's probably a chapter function and your chapter could be liable for anything that occurs at that function.

This is another friendly reminder to make sure that your chapter is registered as a RSO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because the deadline is quickly approaching. You should also be updating your Engage pages to include videos, photos, events, marketing materials, etc. because students will be using these pages now more than ever to get involved. Chapters are also required to be updating their rosters, advisor information, and service hours to be as accurate as possible. If you have any questions regarding Engage, please contact Brandon Lokey at bklokey@email.wcu.edu