GSED WEEKLY

The Official Newsletter of Greek Student Engagement & Development

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 17 - First Day of Classes
August 21 - Order of Omega Applications Open
August 31 - September 6 - IFC Recruitment Week
September 7 - Labor Day
  **No Classes in Session - No Offices Open**
September 10 - Order of Omega Applications Close
September 12 - Leadership Retreat
September 14 - 18 - CPC Circle of Sisterhood Week
September 21 - 25 - National Hazing Prevention Week
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King Jr.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATAMOUNTS CARE
The GSED Office staff are excited to have you all back on campus! However, we also want to make sure you all do what you need to in order to stay healthy and safe while you are here with us on campus!

- Please remember to wear your masks when you are in public spaces on campus.
- Physical distancing is expected and is meant to keep everyone safe.
- Please refrain from socializing in large groups and in settings where physical distancing is not possible.
- Hand washing and hand sanitizer should be your new best friends.
- You will have to get the creative juices flowing when it comes to how you will move forward with chapter meetings, events, recruitment/intake, and other chapter operations. Most things cannot be done in the same ways they were before COVID.
- Please be sure to be checking in, not only with others, but with yourself. This is a stressful, uneasy time for everyone.

Here is the link to the official WCU: https://www.wcu.edu/operations-procedures/community-standards.aspx

GSED HOURS AND OFFICE POLICIES
As of this week, all of the staff in the GSED Office are back to work and ready to tackle the semester! Important things to note are the following:

- LC will be in the office Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm
- Shelby will be in the office Monday through Friday from 1pm until whenever she leaves
- Miranda will be in the office a few mornings during the week from 8am-12pm
- Caleb will be in the office Monday through Friday from 1pm-5pm until classes start, then he will have varied office hours which are posted on the Graduate Assistant and Council Office Space door

Please remember to contact us prior to coming to the office to visit in order to ensure that we abide by physical distancing guidelines and regulations. Also, please be aware that you will be required to wear a mask the entire time you are in the office, for your safety and for ours. If this is a concern for you, please feel free to schedule a virtual meeting with us!

COMMUNICATION
Make sure that as we are inching closer towards the first day of classes that you are beginning to regularly check your emails. This is the official form of communication through Western Carolina University, and it is the expectation of both the institution and GSED that you check and respond to communication in a timely manner. Responding to emails within 48 hours is considered best practice and adequate.

NEW ENGAGE REMINDER
This is a friendly reminder to make sure that you re-register your Engage page AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because the deadline is Friday, August 14th at 5pm. This should be done by the chapter president to ensure that they become the “Primary Contact” for the page. If you already re-registered under a different name this can be changed at a later date. Chapters are also required to be updating their rosters, advisor information, and service hours to be as accurate as possible. Moving to a virtual format, the roster form that is due by September 1st at 5pm is now available on the GSED Engage page. Then IMMEDIATELY update your own page’s roster.