



Connections

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Catamount Dining Update

Hello Catamount families! Catamount Dining has been working hard to navigate the impacts of the pandemic and to continuously enhance service for our students. In addition to the offerings of the Fall semester, the Spring 2022 semester has added:

- Made to order omelets and stir-fry at the Mongolian Grill in the Courtyard Café
- Deli service for lunch each day in the Courtyard Café
- A weekly rotating concept for dinner each night in Brown. This concept rotates between an Asian-inspired bar, a taco bar, a potato bar, and a pasta bar

Staffing and supply chain issues remain a challenge and are being mitigated as seamlessly as possible. With these challenges in mind, Catamount Dining plans to expand Brown service to include lunch beginning February 21st, with grill, salad, and deli options available Monday-Friday.

In addition to our past efforts shared re: staffing and workforce, Catamount Dining is excited to share long-term efforts underway at WCU to evolve with the changing hospitality industry:

- Catamount Dining has partnered with WCU's Hospitality & Tourism program to create internships and apprenticeships for WCU students, with several students already working with Catamount Dining on hiring and retention initiatives
- Catamount Dining is finalizing details for a new program that will begin in Fall 2022, Catamount Dining's "Path to Leadership." This program will be comprised of five Juniors and five Seniors each semester. The program provides a competitive hourly rate with a stipend that covers the cost of those students' meal plans and tuition each semester. Upon graduation from WCU, these students are guaranteed a job as salaried managers with Aramark

Catamount Dining is still hiring! If your student would like to come work for us, we offer flexible schedules, free meals, and competitive pay:

<https://westerncarolina.campusdish.com/Careers>



February Dining Events

Catamount Dining frequently holds special event meals for students during the month.



2.11	Courtyard, Dinner	Fried Chicken Friday
2.13	Courtyard, Dinner	Tailgate Party
2.14	Courtyard, Lunch	Sweet Your Heart Out
2.16	Courtyard, Dinner	Wing Wednesday
2.23	Courtyard, Lunch	February Birthday Celebration
2.24	Courtyard, Lunch	Chef Throwdown
2.25	Courtyard, Dinner	Fish Fry Friday
2.28	Courtyard, Dinner	Max & Cheese

Residential Living

Room Selection

Residential Living is preparing for Room Selection for continuing students for 2022-2023. Room Selection will include some changes this year due to the enforcement of Policy 96's second-year residency requirement. Be sure to check out <http://roomselection.wcu.edu> for full details. Residence Hall agreements for 2022-2023 for returning students will be available on February 22.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- » Two-year on-campus residency requirement announced per WCU Policy 96
- » Students impacted by this decision should not sign a lease for an off-campus housing provider for the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

Check your catamount email for full details.

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[Click For More Information On Policy 96](#)



Academic Check-In

If your student would like academic assistance, encourage them to visit **Tutoring Services**. The Writing and Learning Commons (Belk 207) and Mathematics Tutoring Center (KA 214) promotes student success through math and course tutoring, writing support, academic skills consultation, exam prep, and more are great resources for students. #

COVID-19

Face Coverings: It is essential that we, as a campus community, adhere to the requirement of wearing appropriate face coverings indoors. Face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required in ALL indoor settings and on the CatTran. Those who do not comply with this requirement will be asked to do so for their safety and those around them and may face repercussions.

Quarantine/Isolation at Home: Depending on the availability of on-campus quarantine/isolation beds/rooms, students may be required to travel home for quarantine/isolation.

Information Technology Update

Does your student have questions about Information Technology (IT) on campus? The Student Government Association will be touring and talking with IT Staff in February. Remind your student to submit their questions at the link below by February 10. [Submit your questions.](#)

Out of the Darkness

The Out of Darkness Annual Suicide Awareness WCU Event will begin at **4 pm** on **Sunday, March 27**. The Campus Awareness/Prevention Walk starts and ends at the Catafount.

The Out of Darkness Student Organization coordinates the annual campus walk for suicide awareness and prevention. They have been fundraising and have already raised \$1000 of a \$2000 goal for the event.



WIN A PRIZE!

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Participate online at: [BMCUCampusActivities on Instagram!](#)

Friday, FEB. 4th
2-3 PM

Western Carolina Campus Activities LAST MINUTE PRODUCTIONS

MEMORY BOARD ART NIGHT

[CANVAS, STRING, AND CLOTHESPINS TO HANG PHOTOS!]

[TUESDAY] FEBRUARY 8TH
7:00PM
UC GRANDROOM

RSVP ON ENGAGE

BEYBLADE TOURNAMENT

2/24 | 7PM-9PM | UC ILLUSIONS

RSVP on Engage

SUNG BEATS

RSVP on Engage

February 28th
UC Illusions
8PM

GENRE-BENDING ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS
BLENDING HIP HOP & CLASSICAL MUSIC

BLACK VIOLIN

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2022
7:30PM
BAC PERFORMANCE HALL

ARTS.WCU.EDU/BLACKVIOLIN

BARDO ARTS CENTER
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

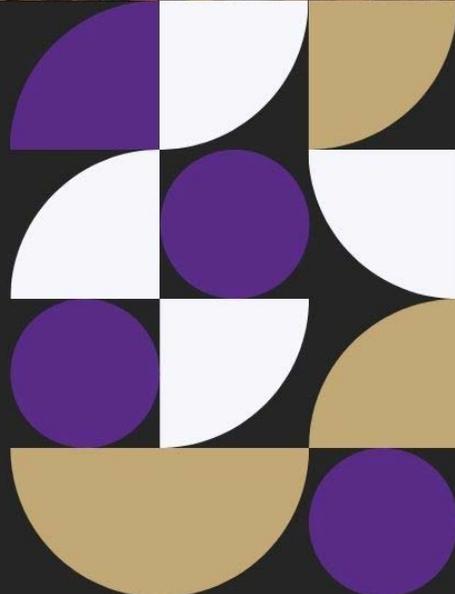




Application available now on jobs.wcu.edu

JOIN THE ORIENTATION TEAM FOR SUMMER 2022!

Housing and Meal Plans provided by the Orientation Office during summer sessions. Be the first to welcome in new Catamounts and their families this Spring and Summer!





Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

February 1 - Scholarship Applications Due

February 14 - Fifth Week Grades

February 15 - Deadline to Apply for Graduation

February 22 - Advising Day

March 7 - 11 - Spring Break

[Schedule of Campus Events](#)

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