



Connections

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January 2025



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



Travel Information

WCU strongly recommends that students traveling back to Cullowhee avoid traveling on Friday or Saturday out of an abundance of caution.

Visit <https://drivenc.gov/> for current North Carolina road conditions to ensure you can reach your destination safely.

University officials will continue to assess weather conditions. For up-to-date service schedules and closures, please visit - www.wcu.edu.

Residence Halls Re-Opening



Spring 2025 Opening

The residence halls open for Spring 2025 on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Students can return directly to their building and do not need to sign up in advance.

2025-2026 Room Selection

Information about Room Selection for continuing students for the 2025–2026 academic year will start going out to students later this month. To participate in continuing student room selection, students must be enrolled in classes at WCU at the time of selection, which will be in Spring 2025. Any student not currently enrolled or looking to re-enroll will be assigned a room in Summer 2025 when new and re-enrolling students are assigned.

We anticipate that we will again have limited space on campus for students not required to live on campus per WCU Policy 96. To participate in continuing student room selection, students will be required to pay a \$150.00 non-refundable housing deposit. Students with Housing Accommodation Requests should start that process with the Office of Accessibility Resources. Housing Accommodations must be approved each academic year and do not roll over from one year to the next.

WCU Policy 96

Students subject to WCU Policy 96, including those who entered WCU in Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 as first-time, full-time freshmen, are subject to WCU Residency Requirements and should plan to live on campus for their first four academic

semesters or two years. Students who qualify for a Residency Exemption should apply for and gain approval for the exemption each academic year. Contact housingquestions@wcu.edu with questions.

Coming Soon - New Housing Portal

Residential Living is changing the software platform for room assignments and housing-related activities. More information will be provided closer to the launch date. Students will use the new housing portal for room selection in 2025 – 2026.

THE 2025-26 FAFSA IS OPEN!

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- **VISIT WWW.FAFSA.GOV FOR COMPLETING THE FAFSA, COMPLETING LOAN REQUIREMENTS, AND VIEWING CURRENT LOAN TOTALS**
- **VISIT FINAID.WCU.EDU AND SCHOLARSHIPS.WCU.EDU FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION AT WCU**
- **CHECK MYWCU AND STUDENT EMAIL REGULARLY FOR UPDATES**

**THE 2025-2026
FAFSA PRIORITY
FILING DATE IS
MARCH 15, 2025**

NEED ASSISTANCE?

- **VISIT 105 CORDELIA CAMP 8-5, M-F**
- **EMAIL: FINAID@WCU.EDU**
- **CALL: 828-227-7290**

2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN



ATTENTION

All
Students

The WCU

Scholarship Application is OPEN

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TODAY!



- Log into myWCU
- Click the Scholarship Manager link found in the My Apps Block
- Complete the WCU Scholarship Application

The application opens each year on October 1st and closes on February 1st for undergraduates and August 1st for graduates.

Apply EVERY year!



ATTENTION

CATAMOUNT COMMITMENT RECIPIENTS

The WCU

Scholarship Application is
REQUIRED!

Need help? Email us at scholarships@wcu.edu

A Message From Advising

Hello Catamount families, and welcome to the Spring 2025 Semester!

The Advising Center is thrilled to welcome your student to the Spring 2025 semester! We are here to support their academic journey and help ensure a successful start to the new term.

Here are some ways to stay informed and support your student academically:

Parent & Advising Webpage

Explore resources designed to help you support your student's academic success on our [Parent and Advising webpage](#).

Important Information for Your Student:

Adding/Dropping Classes

Students can add or drop courses without penalty until 5 pm on Friday, January 17, 2025.

After this deadline, students can no longer add courses and may only withdraw from them. Course and university withdrawals can affect academic standing and completion percentages. If your student needs help with their degree audit or course selection, encourage them to contact their primary advisor.

The how-to page can assist current students with completing common tasks, such as finding a primary advisor and conducting a degree audit.

First Week of Classes (January 13-17)

No appointment is needed for advising during this period. Advisors will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 am to 4 pm. Regular advising appointments will resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Scheduling an Appointment

Virtual or in-person advising appointments can be scheduled through myWCU > My Apps > Advising and Tutoring. For details about the appointment format, refer to the comments on the appointment confirmation screen.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Students can access the [Academic Calendar](#) for a comprehensive list of key dates.

Here's to another great semester!

For more information, visit our website: [Advising Center](#).



Free snacks & welcome back giveaways! (while supplies last)

Pop-Up Café

Jan 13th
10 am-1 pm
UC 2nd Floor

Western Carolina University **ENGAGE** discover events with **corq** LAST MILE PROMOTIONAL



WELCOME BACK WEEK

Karaoke NIGHT

JAN 15TH
6-10 PM
UC GRANDROOM

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WINTER SKI TRIP

ENJOY WINTER WITH US

JANUARY 30, 2025
4:30pm-11:30pm

Hit the slopes with us and ski or snowboard under the lights at Cataloochee Ski Resort. Transportation is provided from the WCU campus.

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Western Carolina University Intercultural Affairs



Dates and Deadlines

January 9 - Residence Halls Open

January 13 - First Day of

Classes/Payment Deadline

January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr.

Day/No Classes

January 21 - Drop for Non-Payment

February 25 - Advising Day/No Classes

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