Dr. Allen was the first African American student to enroll at then-Western Carolina College in the summer of 1957 and one of the first to enroll at one of North Carolina’s all-white state institutions of higher education, making her a quiet pioneer of integration. It was her humbleness that allowed her to downplay the significance of her enrollment as she said, “I needed nine hours, so I went.”

But she also realized the significance of her decision to break that color barrier. Allen received an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 2006 and was a former member of the WCU Board of Trustees. In 2019, a new residence hall - Allen Hall, was named in her honor. It is the first building on campus to be named after an African American.

Dr. Allen’s attitude was summed up in her characteristic sign-off for her email correspondence: "Levern, listening, and present." Thank you, Dr. Allen, for leaving a legacy at WCU.
Adverse Weather Policy

As we approach the winter season, please review the Adverse Weather Policy #41. Contact Human Resources with any questions.

Welcome!

Kylie Holloway
Administrative Support Specialist for Campus Activities

Kylie grew up in Winston-Salem, NC. Although she is from the piedmont, Kylie likes to call the beautiful mountains her true home! Kylie received a BS in Sustainable Development from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, and has lived in the southern WNC area ever since. In her spare time, she loves to go on walks and hikes outdoors, work in the garden, do yoga, read books, cook and relax at home with a good cup of coffee or tea. She is so happy to be a part of the wonderful Western Carolina University family!
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,
Give a Legacy of Love on the Catamount Legacy Walk

Purchase a custom brick paver that will be placed by the Alumni tower.
Donations to the legacy walk support the student emergency fund.

To purchase using payroll deduction, or for more information visit:
legacywalk.wcu.edu

‘Until justice rolls down like water’
— MLK Jr., Amos 5:24

DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
CELEBRATION WEEK
JAN. 17-22, 2022
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Student Affairs Leadership
The Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) met on Tuesday, December 7.

SALT Meeting Notes

Unit Highlights

Campus Activities
- DCA partnered with the Chancellor's Office and other departments to present Holidays at the Plaza.
- SGA welcomed Tanner Holland as the new Director of Public Relations and Marketing.
- Cat Camp 2021 hosted 120 campers and counselors for a successful reunion.
- The Whee Takeover will be held Monday, December 13, 5:30-8:00 pm with the theme “Whee Take Off”!
- Construction has started on phase one of the Illusions refresh.

Campus Services
- The Bookstore's Customer Appreciation Sale will be held Dec. 13 - Dec. 23.
- Hoyte Roberson will retire from Print and Mail Services on December 23 -- thank you for your service to WCU!
- Residential Living staff completed more than 2,700 CATch-ups with students and their RA’s. Operations staff facilitated more than 240 room changes during the fall.
- Residential Living successfully implemented the first Student Leadership Interest Fair with campus partners.
**Health & Wellness**
- CAPS assisted with the Safe Zone Training, the Poverty Simulation, and Study Abroad outreach.
- There will be no changes to the COVID-19 protocols for Spring 2022.
- Health and Wellness website will undergo changes (BASICS, Fact Sheets) soon to provide a better understanding of services offered.
- Health Services had 984 patient encounters last week.
- Congratulations to Michael Birch on his recent wedding!

**Marketing & Assessment**
- Copies of the 2020-2021 division annual report will be distributed to departments. Let us know if you need extra copies.
- The HESA Student Campus Assessment Project Presentations will be held on Dec. 16, 3:30 pm in the UC Cardinal room.
- Jane will serve on the search committee for the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.
- The Fall Cherokee Center Advisory Board will meet on Dec. 16.

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**Dean of Students**
- DSCE held an Adopt a Highway cleanup on 11/12/21 led by

**Undergraduate Enrollment**
Antonio in collaboration with the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning.

- Fraternity and sorority students paired up with Athletes to raise money for the Christmas Connection.
- ICA supported students against sexual assault in the annual *Take Back the Night* event. There were 60 people at the event.
- The MLK, Jr. Unity March will be held on January 17, 11:00 am at the Catafount.

- Admission application fees will be waived for the 2022 spring, summer, and fall terms.
- Orientation will hold in-person sessions in Spring 2022.
- Financial Aid performed the following outreach:
  - Kourtney and Ryan held four financial literacy and scholarships classroom presentations.
  - Kathy participated in numerous Staff Senate activities including Holidays on the Plaza and a Board of Trustees meeting and luncheon.
  - Jennifer led a Study-Abroad pre-departure information session.
DSA IT Committee

Interest has been expressed in learning more about how the Engage Platform could benefit Departments. Palin Berkana-Wycoff will present to the IT Committee and other interested parties on December 17th, 9:00 am via Zoom on Engage.

Request a Link to the Meeting

On January 2nd from 1 pm - 8 pm and January 3rd from 8 am - 8 pm, the IT Division staff will perform system maintenance to ensure the reliability and safety of the data center. During the maintenance work, system access may be sporadic or unavailable; there will be rolling outages of systems throughout the day, which will affect the availability of all critical and noncritical systems located in the data
center. Banner, the university’s main WCU.edu website, myWCU, and Office 365 will not be impacted.

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**CATAMOUNTS CARE**

WCU will continue to emphasize its [Catamounts Care](#) community standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the academic year. We also encourage faculty, staff, and students to follow current [CDC guidance](#) with respect to recommendations on face coverings in other circumstances and locations. Current CDC guidance recommends face coverings in indoor locations for ALL individuals in areas with [high or substantial transmission](#) of COVID-19. CDC guidance is subject to change based on current conditions, and the University may alter its face-covering requirements as needed.

**Remember to visit the COVID-19 website for the latest campus updates and resources.**

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**COVID-19 RESOURCES**
Happy Holidays

Wishing you joy, peace, and good health during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!
Important Dates

December 10 - Last day of classes
December 11 - 17 - Final Exams
December 18 - Commencement
January 10 - First Day of Classes
January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No Classes