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This past weekend we bid adieu to another group of WVU graduates! As these graduates now head off to first days of work, other WVU students are headed back to the classroom (summer sessions started yesterday), while yet others are heading off to summer vacations or summer jobs.

Such is life on a college campus

For those who are now the proud parents of the newest class of WVU alumni - congratulations! We hope you enjoyed the festivities this past weekend and invite you to take the Commencement Survey below and give us your feedback. Also, if you wish to now be removed from this Parent E-Newsletter Listserv, read on for details on how to do this. Congrats to you and your graduate ... and as they say ... Once a Mountaineer, Always a Mountaineer!

For another set of parents - those of our soon-to-be-incoming class - many of you are just gearing up to embark on the WVU journey! New Student Orientation pulls into full swing during the month of June and other freshman programming such as Adventure WV and countless others kick off this summer, allowing students an early start to their college careers. Adventure WV has limited space still remaining so if your student is interested in getting off to an early start, read on! I have also included the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar below because many of you are planning for fall and spring.

This is the time of the year for the Parent E-Newsletter to also head off on summer vacation! Though its author wishes she too were heading off on such a vacation, I will remain, so call/e-mail if you need assistance. The Newsletter will make its 2009-2010 debut in July as we begin to ramp up for another school year! Until then ...

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COMMENCEMENT SURVEY

West Virginia University is gathering feedback on the 2009 Commencement exercises. If you participated in or attended the annual graduation activities, we urge you to complete our online survey at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1069>. WVU has been able to make improvements in recent years based on suggestions made through this survey, and we appreciate your input.

SUMMER ADVENTURE WV PROGRAMS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Before incoming students unpack their dorm rooms, hundreds will have already begun their journey through college by embarking on a journey of personal growth through Adventure WV. Each Adventure WV Program course brings together 20-plus strangers for a week full of challenges and adventures; more than 1,900 freshmen have started WVU this way. The program connects students to other incoming freshmen, upperclassmen, and faculty. Students see West Virginia's most beautiful places and learn about their new home - WVU. Students whitewater raft the New River, backpack to West Virginia's highest point - Spruce Knob, summit the 50-foot tall WVU challenge course, and build homes with Habitat for Humanity. The confidence gained, and the connections formed with new friends and WVU, are invaluable and last throughout college.

During the trips, students not only meet new friends and mentors but also learn informally about WVU traditions, campus programs, and resources. As another bonus, students earn three college credits before stepping into a college classroom and Adventure WV programs also provide an alternative to University 101, a one-credit course all freshmen must take their first semester. If you think your student may benefit from Adventure WV, a limited number of spaces remain, so register soon before it's too late! For more information and registration, visit our website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1066>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at: adventurewv@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-5221.

MOUNTAINEER PARENTS CLUB FALL FAMILY WEEKEND - October 2-4, 2009

The Mountaineer Parents Club is busy planning events for Fall Family Weekend for our WVU students and their families. We will be finalizing the schedule and adding details regarding the weekend to the website this summer so stay tuned to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1071>. This is a wonderful weekend on campus for you to enjoy with your WVU student, so mark your calendar now!

MOUNTAINEER ATHLETIC CLUB 2009 SEASON FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TICKETS

Season ticket demand is at an all-time high for West Virginia football and men's basketball. Due to this high demand and minimal attrition from year to year, it is suggested that fans interested in obtaining new football and/or men's basketball season tickets for the 2009-10 season contact the Mountaineer Athletic Club (MAC) at 1-800-433-2072 or mac@mail.wvu.edu.

For more information on season tickets, MAC donor levels, and reserved parking, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1072>. A list of frequently asked questions is also available on the Parents Club website under "Links of Interest - Athletic Ticket Questions."

Any available single game tickets will go on sale to the public in August through the Mountaineer Ticket Office at 1-800-WVU GAME or <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1073>. Please consult <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1074> throughout the summer for more information on single game ticket availability. All ticket orders are subject to availability.

LOOKING FORWARD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR IMPORTANT UPCOMING 09-10 DATES

Below are some important dates for the 2009-2010 academic year. Mark your calendars as you plan ahead. Should you wish to reference this or other dates, please visit the WVU Academic Calendar online at: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1075>.

FALL 2009

First Fall 2009 billing notification - Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Residence Hall Move-In Days: Friday - Sunday, August 21-23, 2009

University Welcome: Saturday, August 22, 2009

Fall 2009 payment due date - Saturday, August 22, 2009

First Day of Fall Classes: Monday, August 24, 2009

Labor Day Recess: Monday, September 7, 2009

Fall Family Weekend: Friday - Sunday, October 2-4, 2009

Mid-Semester - Friday, October 9, 2009

Thanksgiving Break: Saturday - Sunday, November 21-29, 2009

First Spring 2010 billing notification - Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Finals Week: Monday - Saturday, December 14-19, 2009

December Convocation for Graduates: Sunday, December 13, 2009

SPRING 2010

Spring 10 Bills Due: Saturday, January 9, 2010

First Day of Spring Classes: Monday, January 11, 2010

Mid-Semester: Friday, February 26, 2010

Martin Luther King's Birthday Recess: Monday, January 18, 2010

Spring Break: Saturday - Friday, March 27-April 2, 2010

Friday before Easter Recess: Friday, April 2, 2010

Finals Week: Monday - Saturday, May 3-8, 2010

May Commencement Weekend: Friday - Sunday, May 16-18, 2010

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With the end of the year upon us, for many of our parents it is time to say goodbye! Thank you for supporting your students during their time at WVU. As you move on to the next chapter of your life, many of you have become Mountaineers-at-heart, and we value that bond with our WVU parents! While we welcome you to stay on with us for another year if you wish, those of you who want to relinquish your membership in the Mountaineer Parents Club can do so by simply replying to this e-mail with the following information:

Parent Name(s):

Student Name:

Other Comments/Farewell Messages/Etc.:

You may also call the Mountaineer Parents Club Office directly at 304-293-2506. Again, thank you again for all you do to support your students' success!

ARCHIVE:

Past Parent E-Newsletters can be found archived online at:

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1076>.

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