

West Virginia University
Parent Electronic News
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As the fall term grows near and your students continue to plan for their return to campus, I thought I would include a few pieces of motivation to get them revved up! As we reflect back on students' past accomplishments it allows our current students to then look forward to their own paths. The spring 2009 Deans and President's Lists have been released and can now be found online. Below you will find more on these honors and links to these lists. Congrats to those named. Also, since graduation is the end destination, I am including a link to a video montage of the May 2009 Commencement activities. This video captures the sights, sounds, and emotion of the day and is a great tribute to the Class of 2009 as well as a wonderful inspiration for those yet to come! Please check this out and share with your students: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1078>.

Also in this E-news you will find important information as you plan for the return of the school year. From dining plan info and programs to tuition updates to football ticket updates, there is much in store. So read on and enjoy! In this edition:

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CORRECTION: MAY 2010 COMMENCEMENT DATES
In the May Parent E-News I inadvertently posted the wrong dates for May 2010 Commencement. PLEASE NOTE: May 14-16 are the correct dates for 2010 Commencement. Please make any adjustments to accommodations or plans accordingly. More information will be forthcoming with the details for December Convocation and May Commencement in the coming months, and I will release those via Parent E-news once they are released.

LIMITED NUMBER OF SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS TO GO ON SALE
MONDAY, JULY 13
The Mountaineer Ticket Office asked that I forward to our WVU parents the following news release that was put out to the community at large earlier this week. Please note that the WVU Parents Club has nothing to do with ticketing information, nor distribution. For any questions regarding this process, please call the Mountaineer Ticket Office at 1-800-WVUGAME. Let's Go Mountaineers!

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (July 7, 2009) West Virginia University will place a limited number of 2009 football season tickets on sale Monday, July 13, at 9 a.m.

Season tickets for the seven-game home schedule are \$325 each. Most available seat locations will require a Mountaineer Athletic Club annual contribution. Orders will be limited to eight tickets per customer based on availability.

Season ticket orders will be taken by calling 1-800-WVU GAME or in person at the Mountaineer Ticket Office at the WVU Coliseum. No online orders will be accepted, and payment must be made by check, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover.

The 2009 season will begin on Saturday, Sept. 5, when WVU plays host to Liberty at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium at noon.

2009-2010 TUITION UPDATE

Below you will find a letter from Interim Provost Jane Martin that went to your students earlier this week concerning tuition updates. Knowing that often parents are involved in the financial aspects of your students' education, we also wanted to share this message from the Provost with each of you. As many institutions across the country are facing double-digit tuition hikes, we at WVU have been as sensitive as possible to the economic impact the economic downturn is having on all families. We hope that this update helps to give you some insight and background as you plan ahead.

Students,

Last month, the West Virginia University Board of Governors approved a 4 percent increase in student tuition and fees for the 2009-2010 academic year. This increase will amount to \$102 for resident undergraduates per semester and \$316 for non-residents. Graduate student fees will also increase by 4 percent-\$113 for in-state students and \$325 for out-of-state students per semester. Graduate programs in some disciplines, such as law, business, pharmacy, and nursing, will experience higher increases.

Much thought and discussion went into this decision. The board and University leadership are sensitive to the sacrifices our students and their families make to pay educational costs, especially during this difficult economic time. This year's tuition increase is modest by national standards. However, it is essential to help fund WVU's ongoing operating costs, such as enhancement of the WVU Libraries and student services. The increase will also help us recruit and retain top faculty to ensure the highest-quality education for our students.

I assure you that every effort was made to keep this increase as small as possible without affecting the quality of the educational experience you will receive at WVU.

The University offers many need-based and merit scholarships and other resources to make it easier to pay for college. You can learn more about these resources by visiting the Financial Aid Office website at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1079> or by contacting the office at 304-293-5242 or 800-344-WVU1, option 1. For student employment opportunities, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1080> or call the Student Employment Office at 304-293-9270. Information on payment plans is available through the Office of Student Accounts at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1081>.

Even in these uncertain and changing economic conditions, WVU must maintain the high academic quality that has allowed us to recruit top faculty and to provide students with a world-class education. WVU is committed to remaining one of nation's most affordable public land-grant universities, and one of the nation's best educational values.

E. Jane Martin

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SPRING SEMESTER DEAN'S AND PRESIDENT'S LISTS AVAILABLE ONLINE
West Virginia University has announced its Dean's and President's Lists for the 2009 spring semester. More than 5,300 undergraduate students made the Dean's List, including over 1,600 who received President's List honors for earning all As. Students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher in 12 credit hours of graded courses with no incompletes or withdrawals to be eligible for the Dean's List. To view the lists, go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1082>.

DINING SERVICES PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO PARENTS-HEARTWARMERS AND TASTES FROM HOME

Although most of our students are away on summer vacation, Dining Services, along with many campus offices, is busy preparing for their return. Parents, as you look forward to the fall term, know that WVU Dining Services provides a number of services to you and your students. Heartwarmers from Home are unique gifts that you may send to your student throughout his or her years at WVU. They are perfect for birthdays, special celebrations, pick-me-ups, or "just because." Your gift(s) will be delivered to your student's Residence Hall main desk or may be picked up at Cafe Evansdale at the ERC or in the Catering office at the Mountainlair. For more on the Heartwarmers from Home program or to place an order, go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1083>.

Dining Services also sponsors the Tastes from Home contest. As your students prepare to head off to campus, we invite you to share with us a favorite recipe from home. Families may submit entries through September 30 in a variety of categories, including: entrée, side dish, vegan/vegetarian, and desserts. For more on the Tastes from Home contest and for an entry form, go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1084>.

A DINING WIN-WIN-WIN FOR OFF-CAMPUS WVU STUDENTS

Slashed prices on Upper Class Dining Plans for off-campus students make access to on-campus dining easier and more affordable than ever. The new, lower prices coincide with the total renovation of the Summit Café dining room, including a pizza oven in order to produce hot, delicious pizza on a daily basis. “This is something we have wanted to do for quite some time.” Said David Friend, director of Dining Services. We just needed the right opportunity, and our renovation plan for Summit Café fit perfectly.” The newly renovated facility will also include traditional menu items as well as a deli, breakfast bar, and expanded salad bar area. As if that weren’t enough, the adjacent Summit Grab ‘n Go facility will feature Starbucks coffees and other specialty items as part of the plan. With slashed prices, a new dining room, and a new Starbucks, this is truly a win-win-win for off-campus students!

Along with the lower prices, the visual change at Summit will also be dramatic. “We are committed to exceeding the expectations of our student customers and providing unparalleled service in this beautiful new facility,” said Summit Manager Donna Heis. “With the addition of the new Honors residence hall and the proximity of the Life Sciences Building, we are expecting quite a few new customers interested in fresh pizza, Starbucks coffee, and all the other great dishes we have to offer. We are open to faculty and staff as well as students and lunch is only \$8.50 at the door, for those without a dining plan, which is a great bargain for an all-you-care-to-eat facility.” For more information, or to learn how to sign up for the off-campus student meal plans, go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1085>.

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