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Well believe it or not, at the end of this week your students will have completed a quarter of the fall semester! Hopefully they have now settled into healthy and successful habits and routines and are well on their way to a great semester. Remember to encourage them to utilize the many services and resources here on campus. These are only helpful if they take advantage. Also, remind your students that if they encounter difficulty in an area, not to give up but continue to seek assistance. There are many folks here ready and willing to help them make their college experience a successful one, but they play a major role in this process!

This continues to be a busy time on campus. After a successful search, today President Clements announced WVU's next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs - Dr. Michele G. Wheatly, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Wright State University. As the senior academic official on campus, the provost oversees all academic programs, faculty and academic leadership, research initiatives and much more. She will begin her new role at the start of the spring semester. For more information on Dr. Wheatly, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1125>.

As I leave you, we hope that you are gearing up for Fall Family Weekend just two short weeks away! Please read on for more on the events of the weekend and be sure to sign up when necessary to be able to take part as spaces in many of the events are filling quickly! Also when you head to Morgantown, you should know you are entering one of the newly named 20 top college towns in the United States as ranked by the American Institute for Economic Research! For more information, on this ranking, please visit: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1126>. Also in this edition:

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WVU PRESIDENT CLEMENTS ASKS FOR INPUT, IDEAS ON WVU'S VISION  
Parents, here is a chance for you to help impact the future of WVU. As West Virginia University's 2010 strategic plan nears its conclusive year, President James P. Clements is

seeking input from faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, friends, parents, opinion leaders and other state residents for formulating a new vision for 2020 and beyond. He announced those efforts Monday (Sept. 14) at a monthly Faculty Senate meeting on campus.

“I have done a lot of listening these past several months,” Dr. Clements said. “People love this University and have a lot of excitement about the future. It’s a great time to think about what we want to be and where we want to go as a University.” He added, “What are some of the challenges, opportunities and successes to build upon? What are the national and world issues we need to address? I want to hear from as many people as possible.”

To gather feedback quickly and efficiently, President Clements has a 10-question online survey, housed on his Web site: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1127>. No ID or password is required; simply fill out the form online and submit. “Please share your thoughts, ideas and strategies with me over the coming weeks,” Clements said.

#### WELL WVU LAUNCHES WEBSITE WITH H1N1 TRACKING TOOL

Under a recent realignment, students may have begun to see a more cohesive delivery for health and wellness services at WVU. This new initiative brings together Student Health, Carruth Center of Counseling and Psychological and Psychiatric Services and Wellness and Health Promotion under the WELL WVU heading.

This week a new WELL WVU Web site - <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1128> - has been launched to help serve as a portal to a world of help and information. Whether nutrition, stress, health, or time management - whatever a WVU student is struggling with - the new WELL WVU site provides information in written articles, podcasts, quizzes, games and an "Ask the Expert" e-mail service.

"Research has shown that the students go to the Web for their health information. This Web site is very specific to WVU and tells students where they can go to get help, and it connects professionals directly with students. It will be extremely helpful," said Colleen Harshberger, Director of Student Wellness.

Also on this site, this week WVU health officials have begun to ask students dealing with Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI) - meaning H1N1 or seasonal flu symptoms - to log on to help us track these numbers. Since CDC guidelines request the majority of those who are ill isolate and not come in for medical treatment, this simple form will help us to monitor the numbers of those on campus dealing with these ILI. If your student is symptomatic, please have them log on to complete this quick survey.

#### A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS

If you have a son or daughter attending classes this fall, we'd like to pass along a friendly reminder that the payment deadline was August 22, 2009. Students that haven't paid at

least 60% of their balance have been issued bills and e-mails informing them that they will be removed from fall 2009 classes if payment is not made by September 21, 2009. Students should be aware that changes to their student account can occur for a number of reasons ranging from changes in registration, adjustments to meal plans, or a variety of other scenarios. Thus, please remind your student to follow up on these communications and log on to their STAR account or contact the Office of Student Accounts to inquire about their account balance. If students have already paid for the fall 2009 semester, they can disregard this message. For more on payment processes at WVU, please go to: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1129>

**FALL FAMILY WEEKEND - Sign up now - spaces filling!**

The Mountaineer Parents Club is excited to host WVU families and students on campus this fall for the official Fall Family Weekend. You and your student can enjoy activities that range from a kick-off welcome reception, a unique dining experience at Hatfield's, Mountaineer Idol, to WVUp All Night. Check out the nationally renowned performance of RAIN: The Beatles Experience. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience campus life with your student. Be sure to see the complete schedule of activities at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1130>. Also be aware that some activities - such as the Family Night Dinner and Makeover Morgantown - require advance sign up or ticket purchases and note that spaces are filling up quickly! See below for more on these events:

**Family Night Dinner at Hatfields Diner**

Please join us Friday, October 2 for a family-fun menu with a Rock-n-Roll twist. Hatfield's Diner will be serving burgers, foot-long hot dogs, fries, onion rings, pie and root beer floats, and more to make this a buffet treat you don't want to miss. Step back in time and enjoy some good ole rock-n-roll on the juke box. No tickets will be sold on the night of the event so click here to purchase your tickets now. For tickets, please visit: <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1131>

**Makeover Morgantown**

Join WVU parents, students, faculty/staff, and town residents on Sunday, October 4 and help to give back to our Morgantown Community. Volunteers will be assisting with a community revitalization project in Sunnyside. The project will bring new life into the area through special project planned just for this occasion. The projects will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A limited edition T-shirt will be given to volunteers, while supplies last. Please meet in the Short Term parking lot across from Honors Hall. To register, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1132>

**A MESSAGE FROM HEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH, NIKKI IZZO-BROWN**

Dear Mountaineer Parents,

Hello! My name is Nikki Izzo-Brown and I am the head women's soccer coach at West Virginia University. I would like to invite you to a special event at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium on Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. during Fall Family Weekend.

The women's soccer team is asking WVU fans to come out and "Storm the Stadium" for our match up with Big East foe Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish are currently ranked fifth in the country and are the 2008 NCAA national runners-up. The WVU women's soccer program has established a tradition of success both on and off the soccer field and we are currently ranked in the nation's top 15. We are also working toward our 10th consecutive NCAA Tournament berth.

This is a huge game for the Mountaineers and I truly believe that your presence can help us defeat the Irish. I am asking everyone to come out, wear their gold, and be the 12th player in the stands. I know many of you will be attending Fall Family weekend and I am hoping you will schedule our game at 6 p.m., Friday, October 2 on your calendars. It's a Dollar Night at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium with all tickets and select concessions available for \$1 each. This game is nationally televised on ESPNU, so wear your gold and show the nation we have the best fans in the country!

#### GOLD RUSH 2009 TO BENEFIT WVU UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

WVU is looking forward to the second annual Gold Rush, which benefits the WVU United Way Campaign. During the October 1 home football game, the entire stadium is encouraged to wear gold and support the United Way cause. Student Government members will be selling limited edition T-shirts across campus and Morgantown from August 31-October 1. All proceeds from the sales go directly to the United Way of Monongalia and Preston counties.

As a special incentive, parents are able to order a T-shirt for their son/daughter and mail payment. Your student can stop by one of the many booths and just pick up their shirt. The shirts are \$10. It is an excellent opportunity for students to get involved and show their school spirit. You won't want them to miss out on this opportunity. For more information or to download the order form, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1133>.

#### TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO AND FROM MORGANTOWN

With all the benefits that come from Morgantown not being a large metropolitan area, this may also mean that getting your students home takes some additional planning. Below we have included some helpful information on airports, buses, car pooling, and other options that will assist in getting your student to his/her home destination.

Airports -

Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW)

The Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) has daily United Express flights to Dulles International Airport (IAD). For more information please visit:

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1134>.

### Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)

The Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) has about 191 non-stop flights per day to 49 destinations through 13 air carriers. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1135>.

### Buses, Car pooling, etc. -

Getting to the Pittsburgh International Airport and Pittsburgh Greyhound Station  
Mountain Line, our regional bus system, makes daily runs to the Pittsburgh Greyhound Station and the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) through the Grey Line service. For more information on Grey Line please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1136> and click on the Grey Line link in the top center of the page. Also, an additional Grey Line bus will run on Friday, November 20 at 4:00pm for the Thanksgiving holiday break. For more information visit the web site or contact Mountain Line at 304-291-RIDE.

### Alternative Arrangements -

The WVU Department of Transportation and Parking also lists some local alternative options such as limousine services to get you where you need to go or better meet your time schedule. For more information on these alternative options, please visit:

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1137>.

### WeCar -

This car-sharing program allows users who may not have a car at school access to a car on a short-term, hourly rental basis. The cars are hybrid vehicles, and two cars are located on the downtown and Evansdale campuses. Users are charged an hourly fee for the use of the car, which has no limit. To use this program, students must pre-enroll online.

This new option can provide students an additional opportunity to perhaps rent a car to drive a friend to an airport or terminal. For more information on WeCar, please visit

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1138>.

### Car Pooling -

#### Zimride

Car pooling is a great option to get to the airport or travel home. It is now easier for students through a new web site called Zimride. Zimride was recently featured in our school newspaper, The Daily Athenaeum. For the story, visit

<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1139>. For information on Zimride, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1140>.

### Local Parents Club Car Pooling Options

Some local Mountaineer Parents Club chapters have started their own online transportation board or named a transportation chair for their club. You may wish to check with your local club to see about established car pooling options or to offer your services if you or your student will be headed to or from Morgantown. For a listing of Club Chairs from your area, go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1141>

### Facebook Ride Groups

In recent years, social media sites such as Facebook have also become informal ways for students to find students and parents from their area for car pooling. While we cannot endorse such groups specifically, searching Facebook groups may help you find some car pooling groups that already exist.

### WVU FACULTY DINNER SERIES TO FEATURE TALK ON POETRY

As sophomores and juniors settle back in on campus, they should remember those crucial words from New Student Orientation about meeting faculty and professors on campus and starting to form those relationships. Dr. Sharon Ryan reminded parents of the importance of these relationships as students matriculate and consider graduate schools and letters of recommendation. If your student has not started this process yet, the Faculty Dinner Series events provide just such an opportunity.

West Virginia University's Dean and Associate Vice President, David Stewart, will share his passion for poetry with students at the first Faculty Dinner Series presentation of the fall semester, Tuesday, September 22, from 6-8 p.m. in the Mountaineer Room of the Mountainlair. The first twenty-five (25) students to respond will hear a great presentation and receive a FREE meal and gift. An initiative of the Student Affairs Sophomore/Junior Year Experience, the free dinner discussion brings students and faculty together in a comfortable, intimate environment, where they can enjoy complimentary meals and informal conversation. The presentation is open to all WVU sophomores and juniors. WVU sophomores and juniors interested in attending the event should e-mail [Kelli.Eisentrou@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Kelli.Eisentrou@mail.wvu.edu) reserve a space.

### EBERLY COLLEGE LAUNCHES E-NEWS

The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences has successfully launched a new e-news letter for our alumni, parents, donors, and friends. The news letter is a monthly feature sent by Interim Dean Rudolph Almasy. Features include monthly news and accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff; event listings, access Eberly's social media sites, alumni profiles, and opportunities to support the activities of the College. To see the first edition and subscribe to the monthly newsletter, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1142> and submit your name and e-mail address.

### TIPS FROM THE TRENCHES - WVU Career Services: Playing a Role in Your Student's Career Path and Success

By: David Durham, Director WVU Career Services Center

When the WVU Career Services Center (CSC) staff addresses the role of our students' parents, it quickly becomes obvious that parents wear many hats. The initial and perhaps most obvious action that you can take to help your children relative to career planning is to encourage them to take advantage of the valuable resources and services available at

our Center. In addition to helping students find jobs, the CSC offers career counseling designed to help students who have not yet identified a field of study. We also conduct a series of for-credit courses and voluntary seminars in areas like resume writing, interview techniques, etiquette training, and how to dress, all designed to prepare students for the job market. Our career counselors also assist students who are considering attending graduate school. Please encourage your students to use our services. Send them to our office in the Mountainlair or contact us at the address below.

Another opportunity for us to work together involves parents on a more professional level. Many parents are in a position in their profession where they can hire college graduates for internships or permanent employment (or can recommend that their employers recruit at WVU). If you or your employer are interested in posting an employment opportunity, hiring students or attending one of our career fairs or events, please contact Sarah Rotruck, director of employer relations, at [sarah.rotruck@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:sarah.rotruck@mail.wvu.edu) or call 304-293-8214.

We have demonstrated how you can help your students and how you can help us; I want to look beyond that and let you know how we might be able to help you. We recognize that many of you may currently be job seekers. In light of the recent economic downturn, we realize that an inordinate number of adults in mid-career have had to reenter the job market. We want to remind WVU alumni that the services and resources provided at the Career Services Center are available, and in response to the increased inquiries from alumni, we have eliminated alumni registration fees indefinitely. If you would like to access our database of “experienced-hire” opportunities, or just need some help dusting off your resume, please contact our office at [careerservices@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:careerservices@mail.wvu.edu) or by calling 304-293-2221 or you may visit us on the web at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1143>.

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