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The fall season has officially arrived signaling one of the most beautiful times of the year in Morgantown and the state of West Virginia! Soon the leaves will change and the temperature will grow even cooler. Hopefully your students will discover the rail trails along the river, or head out to Cooper's Rock State Forest to hike and take in the scenic beauty from the overlook. Better yet, you could explore these resources with your students during Fall Family Weekend this weekend! For info on the local trails, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1145>. For details on Cooper's Rock State Forest, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1146>.

This edition of Parent E-News includes info on making last-minute Fall Family Weekend arrangements, important information on Spring Term 2010 registration, resources for December graduates and underclassmen, and gathering student input regarding off-campus housing among other things. For those of you joining us for Fall Family Weekend, we look forward to seeing you very soon as you head down those Country Roads!

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FALL FAMILY WEEKEND - See you this weekend!

The Mountaineer Parents Club is excited to be hosting WVU families and students on campus this weekend for the official Fall Family Weekend. As you head to town, check out the schedule ahead of time to make plans as you and your student can enjoy activities that range from a kick-off welcome reception, to open houses and lectures at various schools and colleges, to Mountaineer Idol, to WVUp All Night, to WVU women's soccer matches. Also families have the chance to 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=1147>.

WVU WOMEN'S SOCCER TO HOST NOTRE DAME DURING FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

The WVU women's soccer team will face Notre Dame on Friday, Oct. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium as part of Fall Family Weekend. The WVU-Notre Dame match is a "Dollar Night," with all tickets and select concessions available for just \$1 each. The game is also a "Gold Rush," as all fans are encouraged to pack the stadium and wear gold.

West Virginia is working toward earning its tenth NCAA tournament berth while the defending Big East champion Fighting Irish return seven starters from last season's NCAA national runner-up team. "This is a huge game for us," Head Coach Nikki Izzo-Brown said. "Notre Dame is always a tough challenge, and this year is no different. We hope to play our best game of the season and have a home-field advantage with our fans." Gates open one hour prior to kickoff. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

WILL YOUR STUDENT BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR SPRING CLASSES?

Immunization Forms

To finalize enrollment at WVU as a new freshman or transfer student, students are required to submit their completed immunization record to the Office of Admissions. While most students have completed this requirement, nearly 1,000 students are missing this completed form. If your student is missing this document, they have been notified of this and **MUST** either submit the completed form or contact the Office of Admissions. Otherwise, they may not be able to register for spring 2010 classes. In some instances, we recognize that students may be waiting to complete the shot series for their hepatitis B; however, they must notify Admissions of this so that they will not have a hold placed on their records for spring registration. For more information, to view the Fall 2009 Immunization Form that must be submitted, or for a complete list of required immunizations, please go to <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1148>.

Unpaid Balances

For those who chose the 60/40 Payment Plan, the remaining payment is due by October 9, 2009. Any unpaid balances as of this date will result in a financial hold being placed on student records, which will prevent signing up for spring 2010 classes. Additionally, late fees may be received on a monthly basis on an outstanding balance. It's important for all students to check their student account on STAR to make sure they do not have any outstanding balances that will prevent their spring 2010 enrollment from being processed. For more information, please visit <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1149>.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR SPRING TERM NOW AVAILABLE

With registration dates quickly approaching, it is important that you make that sure your student has scheduled their advising appointment or advising workshop to meet with his

or her academic advisor to choose spring classes. Most have likely or will soon receive correspondence from their advisor or advising unit. If they have questions about this they need to contact their advisor directly. During this meeting they will receive their term pin to allow them to log on to select classes on their upcoming STAR Registration Priority Date. More information about the entire registration process can be found at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1150>.

The following dates are the "Registration Priority Dates" for spring term 2010. Classifications include current Fall 2009 term hours. Students should check their individual classification and register at the appropriate time:

Graduates/Professional	Tuesday, October 20 at 7 a.m.
Honors Seniors	Tuesday, October 20 at 7 a.m.
Honors Juniors	Wednesday, October 21 at 7 a.m.
Honors Sophomores	Thursday, October 22 at 7 a.m.
Honors Freshman	Friday, October 23 at 7 a.m.
Seniors (89+ hrs.)	Tuesday, October 27 at 7 a.m.
Juniors (59-88 hrs.)	Tuesday, November 3 at 7 a.m.
Sophomores (29-58 hrs.)	Tuesday, November 10 at 7 a.m.
Freshmen (0-28 hrs.)	Tuesday, November 17 at 7 a.m.

DECEMBER CONVOCATION and GRADUATION ONE-STOP SHOP DETAILS

If your student is scheduled to graduate this December, congratulations! Please be sure check on the details regarding the December Convocation ceremony and check back for additional updates as the time grow near. December Convocation is scheduled for Sunday, December 13. These can be found online at <http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1151>.

Also, Graduate One-Stop Shops are held each semester in the Mountainlair and the Engineering Sciences Atrium. If your student will be graduating in December, these One-Stop Shops provide convenient locations where they can order caps and gowns, purchase graduation announcements, purchase class rings, get tips for resume writing and job hunting, and sign up with the Alumni Association and the Athletic Office to stay connected with WVU and the Mountaineers after graduation. Many University departments participate. The Graduation One-Stop Shops will be held from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the following days and in the following locations:

Monday, October 5 (Engineering Atrium)
Tuesday, October 6 (Mountainlair Commons Area)
Wednesday, October 7 (Mountainlair Commons Area)

Be sure to check out this link to the Senior Year Experience website:
<http://www.wvu.edu/Redirect/?id=1152>.

SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR FAIR TO HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

The Sophomore/Junior Fair will be held October 14 from noon-5:00 p.m. in the Mountainlair Commons area. Please encourage your students to participate. This event is a place for sophomores and juniors to see what is available for them, such as resources and/or activities. They will also be able to ask questions from following:

Center for Civic Engagement, Mountaineer Adventure Program, Career Services, Center for Black Culture and Research, Child Development and Family Support Services, Student Organizations, Scholarships Information, Student Employment Center, Academic Advising, SGA, Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation, Student Affairs Study Abroad, Off-Campus Housing, Financial Aid, Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological Services, Academic Resource Center, Student Advocate, Veterans Services, Health Education, and the Daily Athenaeum.

CITY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WVU STUDENT LIFE TO HOST HOUSING FORUM

The City of Morgantown's Housing Advisory Committee and the WVU Office of Student Life are holding a Housing Forum on Monday, October 5, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Presenters include the Morgantown Fire Department, Morgantown Police Department, City Code Enforcement, Solid Waste Authority, the WVU Student Government Association, WVU Student Legal Services, and Off-Campus Housing.

Each organization will make a ten- to fifteen-minute informative presentation on its functions, as well as the city ordinances that affect how each organization interacts with Morgantown's student-dominated rental population and the possible consequences of disobeying these ordinances. After each presentation, attendees are invited to participate in a question-and-answer session. The event is free to all. Students are especially encouraged to attend, as well as concerned citizens of Morgantown and Monongalia County and the surrounding areas. This informative forum is essential for anyone currently living in or considering living in rental housing within city limits.

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