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Dear Batman and Wonder Woman's Mom and Dad – With Halloween weekend upon us, please take a moment to remind your students that though super heroes are not typically written up for bad decisions, your student could be. As they have fun and celebrate with friends, remind them to make smart decisions along with great memories, staying safe and taking care of one another. If they haven't already, encourage them to download and use the LiveSafe App that includes the SafeWalk feature <http://bit.ly/1XoTTBX>. And let us hear from you – reply back (or send a picture!) and let us know your student's favorite Halloween costume through the years!

This weekend a great tradition, *Mountaineer Week*, kicks off on campus as we celebrate our Appalachian heritage – encourage your students to check out some of the events. Also, whether you attended *Fall Family Weekend* or not, please do take a quick moment to complete the following survey to help us look ahead and plan for next year: <http://bit.ly/2eNR78n>. Happy Pumpkin season, everyone! In this edition:

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Fall Family Weekend – we want your feedback!

Parents and families– Please take a minute to fill out this survey to share your thoughts about Fall Family Weekend: <http://bit.ly/2eNR78n>

Student Insurance – Spring Waiver now open

The spring 2017 student health insurance waiver opened this week and is now available at <http://bit.ly/119XdfW>, with a deadline for completion of December 16th. Students with an approved waiver on file from fall of 2016 have opted out of the WVU Aetna student health

insurance plan for the entire 2016-2017 academic year and do NOT need to complete the spring waiver. For more information and a plan summary of the WVU Aetna student health insurance plan, click here: <http://bit.ly/2eCyg6>. Questions? sio@mail.wvu.edu

Important Update to Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility

Students must maintain a certain level of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to retain potential eligibility for financial aid—including student loans, parent loans, federal work study, and grants. The minimum overall grade point average required to maintain financial aid eligibility has been updated to 2.0 for undergraduate students. All SAP standards include:

- Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum 2.0 overall GPA for financial aid (note: there are different requirements for graduate and professional students);
- Completion of a minimum percentage of all attempted credit hours (minimum 67% completion rate – calculate by dividing earned credit hours by attempted credit hours);
- A maximum amount of attempted hours (students must obtain their degree objective within 150% of the normal timeframe for degree completion.)

GPA and completion rate will continue to be measured at the end of each spring semester. Maximum attempted hours will be reviewed at the end of every semester. If students are not meeting academic progress standards, they do have the option to appeal if extenuating circumstances can be documented. Additional information on requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/2cTjLSU>.

Mountaineer Week 2016 kicks off this weekend

Mountaineer Week, the University's annual celebration of Appalachian heritage and culture, gives students, faculty, staff, the Morgantown community and people from all over the state an opportunity to learn about and celebrate Appalachian heritage. <http://bit.ly/2eruDj7>

Mountaineer Nation Day – October 29

Since last week, the football team has now moved into the top 10 in the national rankings as we prepare to take on Oklahoma State on the road. As we celebrate Mountaineer Nation Day, again remind your students to celebrate and cheer on the Mountaineers in a safe and respectable manner we travel to Oklahoma State this weekend. We want to keep the spotlight on the success on the field!

Also, if you have not yet done so, register your game watch today <http://bit.ly/1rjyS9b> and get entered to win a WVU prize pack, receive a 15% discount at the WVU Bookstore <http://bit.ly/2fcMzwJ> and 50% off your Papa John's order at participating stores: <http://bit.ly/2f4Y9uK>. Follow us on Twitter (@WestVirginiaU) and Facebook (WVU Mountaineers) on Mountaineer Nation Day for chances to win more WVU Swag. Use #WVUMND to share photos and enter to win!

Technology Services Walk-Up Support moving – October 31

Technology Services is moving walk-up support to a new location, merging operations with Mountaineer Card Services next to the box office at the Mountainlair on Oct. 31. The new IT Service Center will provide technical support, new and replacement ID cards, test scanning services and more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on University holidays.
<http://bit.ly/2eLtQ8V>

Graduate Fair to be held in the Student Recreation Center – November 2

The Office of Graduate Admissions and Recruitment will hold a graduate fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Student Recreation Center. Representatives will be there to answer questions about WVU graduate programs as well as options for paying for graduate school.
<http://bit.ly/2eRzztp>

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