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Parents, your e-mails and calls recently have focused on two key items – we are happy to note that details on both can be found below! The much-anticipated Fall 2016 Dean’s and President’s Lists have been released, and the Parents Club Spring Break bus details are posted and reservations are live. If you ever have a question, please don’t hesitate to reach out by phone or e-mail. We are happy to help and your questions and feedback often help focus the information we include in our Parent E-Newsletters. So let us hear from you!

For parents of seniors, May Commencement will be here before you know it, on May 12-14. To make sure that your soon-to-be graduate is on track, check out a few key items posted below, including the all-important deadline for the application for May graduation and upcoming Graduation One-Stop Shops. A host of other announcements and reminders (flu updates, ITS security changes, etc.) and upcoming deadlines and events (late fee notices, Career Fairs, etc.) are also included so read on. And with that, happy Friday from Morgantown, everyone! In this edition:

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Application for May Graduation Deadline March 3

If your student is scheduled to graduate in May, they need to complete the application for graduation prior to the March 3 deadline. This application went live January 17 and can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1xlqTgR>.

Spring 2017 Graduation One-Stop Shops February 13-15

The Grad One-Stop Shop is scheduled for February 13-15 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for those planning to graduate in May. On February 13, this will be held at Evansdale Crossing in the 5th floor lobby and February 14-15 in the Mountainlair Commons Area: <http://bit.ly/1Syczjt>.

Outstanding Senior and Order of Augusta Applications Available

The WVU Order of Augusta and the WVU Foundation Outstanding Seniors programs were established to honor WVU's most distinguished graduating seniors. More info and the application can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2kCAWlq>. Graduating seniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8 are eligible to apply. Students with questions should call 304-293-5811 or email StudentLife@mail.wvu.edu. The deadline for application is February 19. <http://bit.ly/2kCmu9d>

PARENTS CLUB UPDATES

Spring Break Buses Available

Does your student need to make travel arrangements home for Spring Break? The Mountaineer Parents Club Spring Break bus information can be found here, including times and location: <http://bit.ly/2kpbBs>.

Local clubs are also sponsoring buses to Central Maryland, Northern Virginia, Long Island and Southern and Central New Jersey. As a reminder, residence halls will close for spring break Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. and reopen on Sunday, March 12 at noon.

Mountaineer Parents Club Newsletter – Winter Edition Available

Please be sure to check out the “online only” edition of the Mountaineer Parents Club newsletter. It is filled with lots of information and great stories. <http://bit.ly/2jex5ec>

Parents Club Athletic Discount Remains

As a reminder, the special ticket offer remains available to Mountaineer Parents Club members for an upcoming WVU’s Big 12 Conference men’s basketball matchup. Coach Bob Huggins and the Mountaineers are currently ranked 18th in the AP and USA Today Coaches Top 25 poll, having just upset a top-ranked Kansas team. The remaining Mountaineer Parents Club discount is available for the men’s basketball game against Kansas State on Saturday, February 11 at Noon. **A very limited number of** upper-level sideline tickets are available for \$20, with upper-level baseline seating priced at \$17 per ticket. This represents a savings of \$7 per upper-level sideline ticket and \$5 off each upper-level baseline ticket. **The game is expected to sell out soon!**

Parents Club members can take advantage of this special offer by visiting <http://bit.ly/2bR005I> and entering the promo code WVUPARENTS. Please note that WVU students can attend men’s basketball games for free using students tickets, but will be seated in the Student Section. If you wish for your student to sit with you, you must purchase a ticket for them as well. Students can reserve their own tickets for free, noting the following distribution dates for men’s basketball: <http://bit.ly/2flrIIB> via the online student ticketing system: <http://bit.ly/2gdLBAP>.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

Student Wellness Ambassador Team Trainings January 28-29

Is your student interested in a healthy lifestyle, well-being or perhaps going into a health-related field where they want to get some practical experience? The Student Wellness Ambassador Team (S.W.A.T.) provides educational programming, content development and outreach services to West Virginia University students throughout campus all year. This is a great way to meet other like-minded students and find ways to impact the WVU community in a positive way. The next set of Ambassador trainings will be held January 28 and 29. Read what alumni ambassadors have to say about the program: <http://bit.ly/2jGdI9Y>.

Late Fees to Be Assessed Starting February 2

Has your student made recent adjustments to their meal plan or room location to cause a new charge to their account after spring bills were paid? Do they have an outstanding balance due or a new fine from the library or perhaps WELLWVU copays? When new charges occur, students receive notice to log on, review their accounts and take necessary action. If they have not yet done so, now is the time to avoid monthly late fees being assessed at the start of each month. Encourage your student to log on today and review their account to ensure they are at a zero balance. They can make payments online through STAR, stop by or call the Mountaineer HUB (304-293-1988) to make any necessary payments. <http://bit.ly/2kcypBz>

Summer Internship and Career Fairs and PREP Week

The West Virginia University Career and Internship Fair will be held Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Nationwide employers from diverse industries, government agencies and nonprofits will be recruiting for internships and full-time opportunities across all majors and ranks. Details about participating employers can be found in MountaineerTRAK: <http://bit.ly/2kv2FkQ>.

Preparation is key, and Career Fair PREP Week, to be held February 6-9, will make it fun and accessible. Students can have their resume reviewed on the spot, learn to perfect their elevator pitch, and understand what it means to dress for success. Check out the PREP Week schedule here: <http://bit.ly/2bR209w>.

Calling all Undergraduate Researchers: Submit Abstracts by February 15

Undergraduate researchers should consider submitting an abstract on their research/creative project for potential presentation at WVU's 1st Annual Undergraduate Spring Symposium (February 15, 2017, deadline). The Office of Undergraduate Research and the Honors College, in conjunction with Undergraduate Admissions, are organizing this campuswide, culminating spring poster event to celebrate undergraduate scholarly activity (research/creative endeavors) while encouraging prospective students to decide on attending WVU. This event will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017, (1-3 p.m.) in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. The poster event will coincide with prospective student and family attendance at the April 8 Decide WVU Day at the Mountainlair. Students should work with their faculty adviser to fashion their abstract prior to submission to <http://bit.ly/2jG8laA>. More info? Contact undergradresearch@mail.wvu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Fall 2016 President's and Dean's Lists

WVU has announced its Dean's and President's Lists for the 2016 fall semester. Nearly 3,800 undergraduate students made the Dean's List, including more than 2,000 who received President's List honors for getting 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 named to the Dean's List. We would like to congratulate all the students who have achieved such great academic success this past semester! Dean's List: <http://bit.ly/29wxWRp> and President's List: <http://bit.ly/2kCfVn0>. A press release template is on the top of these pages for parents wishing to publish this honor in their local newspapers.

Health Reminders

Tis the season, and like many other places, the flu is here. Please remind your students of the importance of taking care of themselves: getting plenty of sleep, drinking enough water and eating well. In addition, our WVU healthcare professionals also remind students about the importance of frequent hand-washing, avoiding those who are known to be sick, and vaccinating against certain types of diseases to help reduce the spread of communicable diseases such as influenza. Student Health offers a number of vaccinations, and most are covered by insurance plans. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2cAjfQ2> or 304-285-7200.

Security Updates to WVU Directory Information

To better protect students' privacy, Information Technology Services will be removing home addresses and phone numbers from the WVU Directory as of January 30. The directory may be momentarily unavailable while this change is being made. Anyone seeking student college, major and email addresses will have to verify their current employee and/or student affiliation with the University by entering their WVU Login credentials. <http://bit.ly/2kCnrhN>

Bookstore Updates for January and February

Visiting campus for a basketball game? Check out the new Evansdale Crossing Bookstore complete with Starbucks Café! A short ten-minute walk to the Coliseum ... Get gear at <http://bit.ly/1SQRqfD>.

Buy One Get One at 50% OFF all Women's gear! – Tuesday, February 14 through Thursday, February 16. Available in store and online. <http://bit.ly/1SQRqfD>

The WVU Bookstore is here to help you through your student's journey, in the classroom and on campus. For emails that include everything you need to know about textbooks, supplies and more, sign up at <http://bit.ly/2f2JT55>.

Shop with confidence and trust as the WVU Bookstores are proud to give \$1.5 million each year to West Virginia University in the form of non-athletic student scholarships. Sorry, discounts cannot be combined.

Arnold Hall and Apartments to Close Next Fall

Arnold Hall and Apartments, one of West Virginia University's oldest residential complexes, will close at the end of the current academic year under an arrangement approved Friday (January 27) by the Board of Governors.

As part of the decision, the Board unanimously agreed to an arrangement with developers of University Place, a public-private partnership, to convert approximately 450 beds on the upper seven floors of the project's south tower, to be named Seneca Hall.

"Housing is not about housing, it is about the experience," President E. Gordon Gee said. "We have made a wonderful decision. We were given a challenge, and we turned the challenge into an opportunity. I am excited about this."

The complete story, including photos, copies of the Board resolution, the presentation to the board and FAQs, are available at <http://bit.ly/2kCnNow>.

Support Coach Huggins in the Infiniti Coaches Challenge for Charity

West Virginia men's basketball coach Bob Huggins has advanced to the second round of the ESPN Infiniti Coaches' Charity Challenge.

To vote once per day, log on at <http://es.pn/2jny8Uf> to keep him advancing closer to the \$100,000 grand prize he hopes to win to benefit the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Research Endowment at the WVU Cancer Institute. You must have a Facebook account or ESPN.com Insider account to vote.

Huggins is competing against 47 other basketball coaches nationwide, all vying for the opportunity to raise money for their favorite charities.

Scholarship Deadline Extension for New Incoming Students Fall 2017

Are you the parent of a current high school senior looking to start at WVU in fall 2017? Do you know a high school senior considering WVU? If so, please note that the deadline for most merit scholarships for new, incoming freshmen students has been extended! Students may now be admitted until Friday, April 21, 2017, and still receive merit scholarship consideration. Note that the date listed on the Scholars website for students wishing to be involved in the Bucklew and Foundation Scholarship application process has not changed and remains February 1, 2017: <http://bit.ly/2jygpwG>.

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