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Cue John Denver's "Country Roads," stick the Flying WV Flag (... or pillowcase, or flip-flop!) in your car window, and get going! Move-in Weekend is here! We know many have or will soon start your trips down these country roads, and we wish you safe travels. Please follow the timelines and directions for residence hall move-in on the website (times are also noted below under *Move-In Details*). Parents of upperclassmen, please take a look at move-in reminders included for you as well. And parents of incoming students, once you get everything settled, swing by the I Survived *Move-In Parent Receptions*!

Welcome Week is upon us, and there are activities for both upperclassmen and freshmen. Be sure to peruse that section and share with your student. A big change this year is that all students will have to get wristbands and have them activated in advance to enter FallFest. Freshmen will receive details on this at move-in, and more can be found on the Welcome Week site. Please remind upperclassmen that it a good idea to get their wristband and activate it on Sunday or Monday to avoid lines and delays on Tuesday. Scan all other items for *Fall Bill Updates* and a final *Back-to-School Checklist* among others! With that, safe travels and we'll see you all in Morgantown soon and please let us know if you have any questions. In this edition:

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Residence Hall Move-In Details

On Saturday, August 11, students who will be living in the residence halls will be moving into their new homes. The best place to review move-in details is on the move-in website located at <http://bit.ly/WVUMoveIn>. The website also contains lists of items to bring (and what not to

bring) to help make your packing and move-in experience more smooth. Residents are assigned move-in periods based on their birth month.

<u>Student's Birth Month</u>	<u>Designated Move-In Time* <i>please use this timeslot and not the time from the mailed postcard</i></u>
January, February, March	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
April, May, June	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
July, August, September	1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October, November, December	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Day Of: Due to some key road closures, routing and directions and specific maps for each hall can be found here <http://bit.ly/WVUMoveIn>. We advise following these guidelines and clicking on the map for your student's specific hall to avoid getting caught in traffic for the many other halls that will be moving in concurrently.

When your family arrives near your student's residence hall, University police officers will direct you to an area close to the hall so you may unload. Someone will be asked to remain with the car so that it can be moved (after it is unloaded), and asked to place a hang tag with contact information, to a nearby parking lot. Volunteers (students, faculty, staff and community members) will be present throughout the day to help. Volunteers from our Information Technology Services will also be on hand in the residence halls to help students set up and answer tech questions. If you have questions or concerns, please find a staff member located at the check-in area of the residence hall or check out the site for each hall for details.

<http://bit.ly/WVUResidenceHalls>

NOTE: Only students affiliated with an approved University program are eligible to move in early (August Orientation, Marching Band, Honors, Athletics, etc.). Students received information from the affiliated offices responsible for their program regarding their slated move-in day.

Move-In Parent Reception, August 11, 11-6

You did it! After you get your student settled, parents are welcome to celebrate surviving Move-in Day on Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on the fifth floor of Evansdale Crossing. FREE parking is available at the Student Recreation Center and surrounding WVU lots. We encourage you to come and relax, grab some snacks and meet other families while you recharge for your trip home. We will have tissues in case you get emotional, and there will be opportunities for fun move-in photos too!

Bookstore VIP Event!, August 11, 5-7

Swing by the WVU Bookstore (either the Evansdale Crossing or Downtown location) on August 11 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for our VIP Event. Grab some gear to show off your pride in your student before you head home. This is also a great time for students to pick up and/or find their textbooks. Parents are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt for a chance to be one of 10 winners (at both locations) of a \$50 credit for textbooks. In addition to fun games, we'll also be offering free samples and \$3 blended beverages from our Starbucks Cafes, in addition to a buy-one, get-one T-shirt at 50% off sale!

Upperclassmen Returning to Town

To coordinate efforts and make the move-in/move-back process as seamless as possible, we'd like to suggest upperclassmen students plan to return Sunday, August 12 to avoid residence hall move-ins on August 10 and 11. For upperclassmen who are already in town, we strongly urge them to avoid campus areas these days as well. Once back in town, all students are also invited to attend the new MovieFest and Student Org Fair at the Coliseum Sunday night from 6-9 and Group Exercise Sampler on Tuesday morning.

And tell your student: **NEW THIS YEAR AND REQUIRED FOR FALLFEST ACCESS** students need to get a Welcome Week wristband that will serve as tickets to both FallFest and FoodFest. Students should plan to get and activate these at one of the designated locations <http://bit.ly/WWWristband> on either Sunday or Monday so they are ready to attend Tuesday evening. FallFest Bands will be announced tomorrow on Friday!

WELCOME WEEK

Parents of Incoming Students – Has Your Student Signed up Yet?

Freshmen should have signed up for the Choose Your Adventure – Community Service or Adventure WV/Campus Recreation experience. Student can choose which one they want to attend, but yes, they need to attend one or the other! As nerves start to set in, remind your student that aside from being a great chance to meet new people, explore campus and the community, they may just learn a bit about themselves, too! Also some majors have a service requirement, so this is a great way to get a jump-start to begin to meet those requirements. Sign-ups are first-come, first-served, so have your student sign up today: <http://bit.ly/WWFreshmen>. Questions should be directed to serveandlearn@mail.wvu.edu.

Welcome Week 2018 Details

Welcome Week, our annual celebration of students returning to campus, begins August 11 and continues through August 15, the first day of class. Welcome Week offers a nonstop schedule of events and experiences: <http://bit.ly/WVUWelcomeWeek>. Why do we do this? To fully engage our students with their University and their community – the goal of the campuswide initiative Project 168. True learning occurs when we blur the boundaries between the classroom, serving others and having great experiences.

Freshmen: Sunday through Tuesday, all freshmen will participate in three events.

- **Academic Day:** On Tuesday, August 14, all students will attend an academic session for their college or school. Specifics are found at <http://bit.ly/WWAcademic>. Session times and locations are listed at the link, but students should check their MIX account for an email from their college or school with detailed instructions.
- **Service or Adventure WVU/Campus Recreation Activities:** Students can choose from these options – Community service or an Adventure WV/Campus Recreation experience. Sign-ups are first-come, first-served, at <http://bit.ly/WWFreshmen>. Questions should be directed to serveandlearn@mail.wvu.edu. These activities will take place either Sunday or Monday.
- **Campus Traverse:** Scheduled either Sunday or Monday, depending on whether your student lives on the Evansdale or Downtown areas of campus. Your student's Resident

Assistant (RA) can provide more details. Commuter students will participate with their Commuter Assistants (CA) on the downtown scheduled day.

Upperclassmen: If you have upperclassmen already attending WVU, remind them that Welcome Week is not just for freshmen. The new Mountaineer MovieFest (over 9,000 students recently voted and selected the movie to be shown), FoodFest, FallFest and WVUp All Night are free, fun events for all WVU students. <http://bit.ly/WWSchedule>

New this year for ALL students: All WVU students who want to enjoy the various Welcome Week events, including MovieFest, FoodFest and FallFest, will need to download an app and pick up a wristband in advance. **ALL WVU students will need to claim their wristband prior to gaining entrance to FallFest on Tuesday, August 14.** To claim their wristband, they will download the WVU Pass app in the App Store or in Google Play. Once the app is downloaded they can generate a QR code. With that QR code and their WVU ID, they can claim their wristband at one of several locations on campus. More information at <http://bit.ly/WVUWelcomeWeek>.

PARENTS CLUB UPDATES

Mountaineer Parents Club Member Discounts

We value our Mountaineer parents and we have worked with the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau to offer discounts at participating area businesses. To see a complete list of Mountaineer Deals visit <http://bit.ly/MPCDiscounts>. If needed, you can download a copy of a membership card online here: <http://bit.ly/MPCMemberCard>.

Fall Family Weekend

Make plans to join us September 28-30, 2018, for a great weekend of activities for your whole family. Events will begin Friday late afternoon/evening and conclude on Sunday morning. Mark your calendar now; more details will follow soon. <http://bit.ly/WVUFallFamilyWeekend>

Discounted Ticket Offer; Limited Single Game Parking Passes Available

Discounted tickets still remain! Parents can take advantage of the special offer available from Athletics to Mountaineer Parents Club members for WVU's home opener with Youngstown State on Saturday, September 8. By following this link <http://bit.ly/MPCAthletics> and entering the promo code WVUParents, members can purchase tickets for only \$30 each.

Students will have the opportunity to request and receive football tickets for free to each game the week prior to each game through the football ticket selection process <http://bit.ly/WVUStudentTickets>. Please keep in mind that student tickets are good for the student section only, so if your student wants to sit with you, you should purchase an extra ticket for them. Note: additional Parents Club athletic discounts for other games *may* be announced at a later date.

Limited single game parking passes also recently became available for purchase. <http://bit.ly/AthleticsParking>

OTHER CAMPUS REMINDERS

Fall Bill Updates – Due September 1

The initial fall due date has now passed. If a balance remained, August eBills were sent to their MIX accounts on August 6, and another will be sent August 22. These are due September 1. If your student owes \$1,000 or more after September 1, they will be removed from classes on September 4. We want to work with you and your student to ensure that you understand the resources available for paying their bill. If you have any questions, please visit <http://bit.ly/WVUBilling> or call the Mountaineer Hub at 304-293-1988.

Tip: Remind your student to monitor their student account weekly for any new charges. These could occur if they make adjustments to schedules, change or add meal plans, or change their major after summer classes. It is good practice to check back to ensure the account is at a zero balance as any of these actions could cause a change in their student account and balances are due September 1.

Transfer Credit Details

If you are the parent an incoming transfer student (or freshman with dual enrollment courses) for the fall 2018 semester, and they are inquiring about NOEQ 100 classes (non-evaluated courses) listed on DegreeWorks, please encourage them to visit the Transfer Credit Database to determine which classes will come in as equivalents at WVU. The database is available at <http://bit.ly/TransferTransient>.

If a class is not listed in the database, and they wish to have it reviewed for WVU equivalency, please have them visit the Transfer Equivalency Review Request system: <http://bit.ly/WVUTransferReview> to submit a syllabus for the course(s). They should select "I am an admitted student looking to resolve NOEQ 100 indicator" when submitting the syllabus. Syllabi review may take up to a week or more to determine equivalency. If your student has more than 5 courses to review, the Office of the University Registrar will make an initial review by sending the student's ID # and brief details to transfercredit@mail.wvu.edu.

Dining Updates

Exciting changes are under way! New dining options in the Mountainlair include Blue Tomato, featuring gourmet pizza selections; Burger Shop, with fresh burgers, hand-cut fries, a free toppings bar and more; Tres Habaneros, offering burritos, tacos and other Tex-Mex favorites; and an expanded Chick-fil-A. Current locations including Hatfields, Which Wich, Tazikis, and J.A.C.S. Convenience Store will be open and ready, too, to serve hungry students and fuel them for their WVU adventures. Students living in residence halls may use their dining plans in the traditional dining halls and any of these locations. Off-campus students should consider purchasing a nonresident dining plan so they never have to worry about where to grab a bite while they are on campus or shopping for groceries and cooking. Want to learn more? Visit WVU Dining at <http://bit.ly/WVUDiningServices>.

WVU Bookstore Hours, Textbooks Reminders

Order textbooks now online. <http://bit.ly/WVUTextbooks>

WVU Bookstore Move-In Hours:

8/10 Fri. – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

8/11 Sat. – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (VIP Event! See details in the Move-In section)

8/12 Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8/13 Mon. – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (*Evansdale 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*)

8/14 Tue. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8/15 Wed. and 8/16 Thur. – 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SALES! The following sales are available in-store and online (*except where noted*).

- 8/11 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (*in-store only during V.I.P. Event*) Buy one T-shirt, get 2nd 50% off

- 8/13-8/20 – Buy one T-shirt, get 2nd 50% off

- 8/20-8/24 – 25% off Champion products

- 8/25-8/30 – Buy one rolled T-shirt, Get 2nd rolled T-shirt at 50% off

Shop the WVU Bookstore online: <http://bit.ly/WVUBookstore>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

What are you missing? Below is a checklist that might be helpful.

- ✓ Is your student considering a change to his or her **dining plan**? This can be done online until September 4: <http://bit.ly/DiningChange> Be sure to have your student check their account to see if a change creates a balance due.
- ✓ Is your student living off campus? Consider the **nonresident dining plans** available to upperclassmen. <http://bit.ly/DiningUpperclassmen>
- ✓ You can add **Mountie Bounty** to your student's Mountaineer Card Student ID online. These funds can be used on and off campus for things such as food, printing and laundry: <http://bit.ly/MountieBounty>. (Tip: the username requested to add funds is the username your student uses to log in to the WVU Portal, not their ID number.)
- ✓ Rent/buy/order **textbooks** online today: <http://bit.ly/WVUTextbooks>. The WVU Bookstore offers a no-hassle, FULL REFUND through August 22 and **price matching**: <http://bit.ly/BookPriceMatch>.
- ✓ Remind students to **check their student accounts to ensure a zero balance**. All bills must be paid or students enrolled in a payment plan by September 1 to avoid removal from classes on September 4. It is still possible to enroll in a monthly payment plan: <http://bit.ly/WVUPaymentPlan>. Billing and financial aid questions? Call the Mountaineer Hub at 304-293-1988.
- ✓ Complete the annual **Student Health Insurance waiver** by August 21 if your student is covered by an insurance plan that meets WVU requirements: <http://bit.ly/WVUStudentInsurance>. Completing this insurance waiver process also satisfies the immunization requirement – please do not send immunization forms. Upon completion, students will receive a confirmation e-mail noting approval of the insurance waiver. Please allow 5 business days for the charge to be reversed. Questions? Call the WVU Student Insurance Office: 304-293-6815. NOTE: If your student already has an approved waiver on file for the academic year, you may be unable to log in to the waiver system.

- ✓ Incoming students should be completing the online **AlcoholEdu** and **Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates** modules <http://bit.ly/AlcoholEDUSAPU> by **August 13**. Fines can be incurred if they are not completed.
- ✓ Ask your student to sign you up for **WVU Alerts**. Students will be automatically enrolled: <http://bit.ly/WVUAlert>.
- ✓ Have your student download the **LiveSafe app**: <http://bit.ly/WVULiveSafe>.
- ✓ If they have not already, before they leave for school (and before August 31 when student Dual Authentication goes into place: <http://bit.ly/DualAthetication>), have your student sign you up for the **Parent/Guest Portal** and be sure to record the **FERPA passphrase** they set for you (you can use this to contact offices on their behalf): <http://bit.ly/ParentGuestPortal>. Offices cannot discuss information with you without this in place.
- ✓ Remind your student to check their **MIX account email** on a regular basis for important announcements! This is WVU's main mode of communication with students.

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