

Parent Electronic News  
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This week we officially welcome autumn also known as “busy season” on campus! Career Fairs and Major Match Fairs get underway today and continue for the next few weeks so read on for more on each and remind your students to check out these events. Game time has also now been set for noon for the WVU Football Game Watch during Fall Family Weekend. Sign-ups for Fall Family Weekend events have started so be sure to check out the schedule of events below and make plans now. Also, now that your students are here and settled, we start getting questions about how to get them home. The *Transportation* section below gives you some helpful tips and options for consideration. Parents Club holiday buses have still not gone live. We apologize for the delay and will send out notice via Parent E-News as soon as details are finalized. Midterms are also just around the corner and faculty have started to report midterm grades that are due by October 4. More on this process and how to check on grades (also a great conversation for Fall Family Weekend!) can be found below. Other key highlights?

- AGAIN A REMINDER: Major Match Fair and College of Business and Economics Career Fair get underway today – September 19 – No prior sign up needed. Read on for details.
- ALSO TODAY: Campus Read author to visit campus tonight – you can check it out via webcast – September 19 <http://bit.ly/WVUCampusRead>
- National Recovery Month is underway and WVU Collegiate Recovery will be hosting an open screening and Q&A with the producer, Elaine McMillon Shelton, (also a WVU Alum and Academy Award nominee!) and subjects of the Netflix original film, *Recovery Boys* this Friday, September 21 at the Met Theatre in town. They also host a great variety of weekly activities to support our students in recovery including their popular sober tailgates for the upcoming K-State game! Be sure to check out all these events: <http://bit.ly/WVUCollegiateRecovery>
- Next week on September 24 and 27 we will host two more [Festival of Ideas Lectures](#) free and open to all.

So as I said, busy season is upon us! Read on, share with your students and let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon at Fall Family Weekend (here is one of our newest [videos](#) to get your excited for the visit!) In this edition:

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## PARENTS CLUB UPDATES

### **Fall Family Weekend is almost here - have you made your plans?**

We have many family-friendly events for you to attend. Be sure to check out the whole schedule and sign up (where indicated on the schedule), as some sessions do have limited capacity and are beginning to fill.

Again, signature events begin on Friday evening, September 28, with the **Mountaineer Welcome Stop** at our Student Recreation Center on the Evansdale Campus. It's a great place to meet up, get a fun family photo taken and have the opportunity to talk to WVU representatives from across campus [RSVP here](#).

On Saturday, all WVU families and students are invited to join us at 11:30am for the official **WVU Game Watch** as we watch the Mountaineers take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Game time - 12:00 pm. There is no better way to watch the Mountaineers than being with other WVU fans, while enjoying light tailgate food, games and great giveaways. The WVU cheerleaders and Mountaineer Mascot will also join in the fun. <https://urwvu.wufoo.com/forms/z1i99edk1tedcju/>

You can wrap up your weekend with **Breakfast with your Students** on Sunday at Café Evansdale, Boreman Bistro or Summit Café before heading home. Be sure to get your ticket for this when you visit the Welcome Stop or the Game Watch.

Don't miss our other great events – there is something for everyone!

**Adventure:** From ziplining, canopy tours, kayaking on the lake, or the giant alpine swing to a simple visit to Cooper's Rock to take a hike on your own – get outdoors!

**Athletic:** In addition to the football game watching party, check out a men and women's soccer game, a women's volleyball game and D2 Hockey match or enjoy the Rec Center for free.

**Academic:** Learn outside the classroom at a planetarium show, Launch/Makers Labs and Media Innovation Center tours, mini lectures, or a visit to special library collections or our museums.

**Family Fun:** Campus Recreation is teaming up with WVU Fraternity and Sorority Life to sponsor the inaugural Family Fun Run 5K! Registration costs \$20, and includes a t-shirt and benefits development scholarships and the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation for Fraternity and Sorority Life. Our International Student Organization is also hosting the International Street Festival on Saturday that can be fun for the whole family!

**Entertainment:** From the downtown Arts Walk Friday night, to a variety of theatre or music events or even WVUp All Night where families can compete a fun game show – enjoy the show!

For the full schedule of events featuring all these and many more things to do on and off campus throughout the weekend, click on “Schedule of Events” at the top of this page: <http://bit.ly/WVUMPCFallFamilyWeekend>. Specific Parking and Transportation details for Fall Family Weekend can be found here: <http://bit.ly/WVUFFWParking>. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## **WVU Bookstore Discounts**

Parents – whether shopping from home or during your visit to campus, the WVU Bookstore has some great sales coming up!

BOGO Hats - 9/18 - 9/20 - Buy One Hat, get 2nd Hat at 50% OFF! (*available in store and online:* <http://bit.ly/WVUBookstore>)

BOGO Women's - 9/25 - 9/27 - Buy One Women's item, get 2nd at 50% OFF! (*available in store and online:* <http://bit.ly/WVUBookstore>)

**\*Fall Family Weekend - 9/28 - 9/30 - Get 10% OFF your clothing and gift purchases\* during Fall Family Weekend at the WVU Bookstore.**

- [Mountainlair Store](#) – Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Sunday closed.
- [Evansdale Crossing store](#) – Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Sunday closed.

*\* This discount is available in store only, cannot be combined with other discounts, and not available on clearance items.*

## **MAJOR DECISIONS**

### **Major Match Fairs - September 19 and 27**

Students who need to select a major or want to change their major can talk to representatives from schools and colleges at one of two events: <http://bit.ly/MajorMatch>. This is also an excellent opportunity to learn about adding a minor as well. The first fair is Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 12-4:30 p.m. in the Mountainlair Vandalia Lounge and Commons and the second is Thursday, Sept. 27 from 12 to 4:30 p.m. in the Brooke Tower Blue and Gold Room. Career Services also offers a free assessment, FOCUS2, to help students identify their strengths and interests. Their staff will be on hand to talk to students as well. This event is sponsored by the Center for Learning Advising and Student Success (CLASS.)

### **Business and Economics - Fall Major Fairs September 24, 26, 28**

Is your student a Business or pre-Business major? Encourage them to come check out the fall Business and Economics Major Fair in the fourth floor B&E atrium from 9-12 on the days noted below to find out all there is to know about the various business majors! In addition to the units noted before for each area, representatives will be available from the Business Undergraduate Advising Office, faculty representatives from the various majors, relevant Business student organizations, Center for Career Development, Robbins Center for Study Aboard as well as student ambassadors and reps.

- Monday, Sept. 24 – For those interested in Management, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism, and Organizational Leadership
- Wednesday, Sept. 26 – For those interested in Global Supply Chain Management, Management, Management Information Systems, and Marketing
- Friday, Sept. 28 – For those interested in Accounting, Finance, Economics and General Business

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<http://bit.ly/BusinessMajorFair>

## **CAREER CORNER**

### **Career Fairs are here – Today and September 20, 26 and October 10**

No matter your students' rank – sophomores and seniors alike should be preparing for and attending upcoming career fairs. Check out the Resume Reviews and Career Fair Prep Events and encourage them to prepare now so they can stand out from the crowd.

Wednesday, September 19: [College of Business and Economics Career Fair](#) 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. | Student Recreation Center

Thursday, September 20: [Statler College of Engineering & Mineral Resources Career Fair](#) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Student Recreation Center

Wednesday, September 26: [WVU Career & Internship Fair](#) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Mountainlair Ballrooms

Wednesday, October 10: [Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design Career & Internship Fair](#) 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Agricultural Sciences Building

Visit [Career Services' website](#) for a full list of events. Located directly above the WVU Bookstore in the Mountainlair | Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### **WVU Career and Internship Fair – September 26 – open to all students**

Open to all students, the [WVU Career & Internship Fair](#) will be held Wednesday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Over 80 nationwide employers from diverse industries, government agencies, and non-profits will be recruiting for internships and full-time job opportunities across all majors.

Attending on-campus career fairs provides students with the unique chance to practice their networking skills as they meet face-to-face with potential employers, distribute their resumes, and gather information about which companies are hiring and interested in their specific skillset.

Preparation is key – So what can I do, you ask?

- A. Encourage your student to attend the career fairs.
- B. Send them to Career Services to have their resume reviewed.
- C. Suggest that they check out the “How to Work a Career Fair” button on our home page.
- D. Research participating employers in MountaineerTRAK.
- E. Make sure they have at least one business-appropriate outfit at school.

All WVU students are welcome to attend. Professional attire is required. Our career development specialists are a great resource to help your student launch a successful internship or job search. Encourage them to make an appointment by calling 304-293-2221. For more information on how Career Services can help prepare your student for a career, visit the [Career Services website](#).

### **13th Annual West Virginia Statewide Collegiate Business Plan Competition**

The West Virginia Statewide Collegiate Business Plan Competition offers college students at universities and colleges throughout West Virginia the unique opportunity to make their business ideas come to life. Participants come from many different disciplines and backgrounds. The competition is open to all full-time higher education students from any major in the state of West Virginia. If you have a WVU student who is interested in the competition, please encourage them to visit the [WVU LaunchLab](#) located on the 4th floor of Evansdale Crossing. They are

there to help entrepreneurs on campus with business idea assistance. For more information about the Business Plan Competition, students should contact Tara St. Clair, Senior Program Manager, BrickStreet Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at [tara.stclair@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:tara.stclair@mail.wvu.edu) or visit the [Business Plan website](#). Round one submissions are due by noon on Friday, October 12.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Tips and Options for Getting Home

Now that your students are here, there have been some questions coming in about how to get them home whether for a long weekend or the upcoming week-long holidays. Here are some helpful tips and points to consider:

- Be sure to explore all options below first before simply booking a flight. We are not located in a major city so though we have a number of ways to connect to various airports, it is important to make sure your students check their schedules, the available connectors and can get there for the flights first.
- The Pittsburgh Amtrak station is our closest and located just across the street from the Pittsburgh Greyhound Station. Students can ride GreyLine to reach both locations and Pittsburgh International Airport.
- Beyond, Pittsburgh (PIT), did you know we have a local airport (MGW) and regional airport (CKB) that have some great connecting flights?
- ZipCars are located on campus and a versatile mode of transportation not just around town, but also to get students home or to airports. Available for students 18 and older to rent for a flat rate that includes gas and insurance, students have gotten creative and paid for a roommate to rent these and drive them midway to meet parents and then return with the car or having a roommate drive them to the airport and then return with the car. Thinking outside the box can help!

### Bus Services

[Parents Club Holiday Buses](#) – due to a slight delay, please note that reservations for WVU Parents Club holiday buses for Thanksgiving have not gone live yet. We will be sure to push these out here in a Parent E-News as soon as possible, so stay tuned. Considering they don't leave until November, we've still got time! Again, we apologize for the delay but know that full details will be forthcoming shortly.

[MegaBus](#) – regional bus carrier picks up on campus daily and connects through DC and beyond.

[Greyhound](#) – regional bus carrier picks up on campus daily and connects through DC and beyond.

[I-Ride 79 Bus](#) – regional bus carrier picks up on campus daily and connects through Charleston, WV and beyond.

## **Airports**

[Pittsburgh International Airport \(PIT\)](#) – our closest international airport with hundreds of flights daily located 1 hour and 15 minutes north of campus.

[Morgantown Airport \(MGW\)](#) – multiple daily regional flights out of Morgantown (MGW) Airport located 10 minutes from campus. [Southern Airways](#) connects through Pittsburgh (PIT) or (BWI) in Baltimore and is partnered with American Airlines for any connections.

[North Central Airport \(CKB\)](#) – multiple daily flights out of Clarksburg, WV located 45 minutes south of Morgantown. Direct flights on [Allegiant Airlines](#) and [United Airlines](#) head to a variety of locations including direct to Chicago, Daytona/Orlando and Myrtle Beach. (Students would need to find a ride to CKB – see airport shuttle services and note GreyLine does not connect directly to CKB but rather drops at United Hospital.)

## **Airport Shuttle Services**

[Grey Line Bus](#) – regional bus carrier picks up on campus two to three times per day and connects to Pittsburgh International (PIT) and Pittsburgh Amtrak/Greyhound stations. *Please note that in past years Grey Line has run additional WVU Send Off Services around large holiday breaks. We have inquired and they note that due to some additional local routes that recently added, “at this time, we do not know if we will be running any extra trips. We advise our riders to keep an eye on our website and if we do add a trip that better fits their needs they will be allowed to change without an additional charge. At this time, however, we only have our regularly schedule departures.” Please note that past dates and services for the WVU Send Off Services from 2017-18 are still listed on their website but please instead focus here for the most current daily offerings <http://bit.ly/WVUGreyLine>*

[Limo and car services](#) are available to the various airports.

[Uber](#) provides transportation to the various airports.

[Cab Services](#) provide transportation to the various airports.

## **Other Options**

[ZipCar](#) – hourly/weekend rentals for students age 18 or older located on campus. Costs include insurance and gas.

[ZimRide](#) – If you or your student will be heading to and from campus, Zimride is the ridesharing board of the 2000’s. Have your student post or look for rides here.

Parents Club local Facebook pages – many parents have also utilized local Parents Club Facebook pages to inquire about carpooling for students heading home.

## **MIDSEMESTER NOTES**

### **Mid-Semester Is Almost Here**

The halfway point of the semester (midterm) is nearly upon us. This is a critical point for student success. It can also be a stressful time for your students as it tends to be when exams take place as well as deadlines for projects and papers. Please remind your student of the various support services that are available.

[Student success resources](#) include free tutoring, student success coaches and other help. Instructors' office hours are listed on every course syllabus. In the residence halls, student have a wealth of resources including residence hall coordinators and resident assistants (RAs). [WellWVU](#) has several resources to help students with stress, time management and better sleep habits. [Career Services](#) can help students explore other majors or build a four-year plan to launch a successful career. The [Carruth Center for Counseling](#) offers individual and group counseling and specialized workshops. And [Accessibility Services](#) enhances the educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Students are also encouraged to speak with their advisor.

Please note that the access to post midterm grades just opened up to faculty last week and are due October 4. This means faculty have from now until October 4 to post the midterm grades. This allows those who already have enough grades and feedback to post early while those who may only have a midterm test that they will base their midterm grades on to wait until the actual midterm mark to so. So while some grades may be showing already, others may not, so be sure to check back on October 4 for a more full picture.

Students can view these grades in their STAR account online. If your student has granted you access to view his or her midterm grades you can view them by logging in via the [Parent Guest Portal](#). This link also has a video to show students how to parents access if they have not yet done so and also that shows parents how to log on once the access has been granted by your student.

If your student is struggling in a class, please encourage them to speak to the instructor during office hours as well as their advisor. We hope your students will also seek the resources listed above.



## **Time Ticketing registration change**

There are important changes to registration for 2019 spring and summer courses. Beginning with pre-registration in October 2018, West Virginia University will begin using [time ticketing](#) which means students will have an assigned time to sign up for courses. This does not change the process for how students register, just the time that they can begin. Students will register on their normal registration day based on their classification unless they are eligible for priority registration. Students received their first email regarding time ticketing on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This email provided a brief overview of Spring and Summer registration and informed them that they should expect an assigned time email to be sent to their MIX email address and posted on DegreeWorks by the end of the first week of October.

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