Greetings Ram Fam!

We are now less than a week away from the start of the fall semester, and we are gearing up for another great year at West Chester University! For those of you who are new to campus, let me start by introducing myself. I am the Director of Parent Programs and am here to support the parents of West Chester University students.

A Message from President Fiorentino

Welcome to the fall semester at West Chester University! As we begin this new academic year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the support and commitment of our entire community. Whether you are a first-year student, returning student, parent, or member of the WCU family, we are all united in our pursuit of excellence.

Research shows that students who have parents and families who discuss alcohol with them prior to arriving on campus are less likely to engage in hazardous drinking. Therefore, it is important that we continue to have these conversations with our students and encourage them to seek help if they need it.

We want to ensure that our students are aware of the resources available to them, including the Counseling Center, Health Services, and the Office of Parent and Family Relations. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us.

For those of you who are seasoned WCU parents and families, this newsletter may look a bit different this year. We have redesigned it to be more reader-friendly and allow us to see what articles are most popular!

For those of you who are supporting first-year students, this is your first issue of the Ram Fam monthly! As you RAMp up for the start of the semester, I encourage you to check out additional WCU parent and family-specific resources.

Student Health Services Update

As our parent community grows, we are seeing an increase in the number of students seeking support from Health Services. This is a positive sign and demonstrates the importance of having a strong support system in place.

Appropriate support is critical to ensuring that students are able to focus on their academic pursuits and personal well-being. If you are concerned about your student’s health and wellness, even though your student may be miles from home, you may still be a primary source of health information for them. You can help keep your student healthy by making sure they have updated immunizations at home. As a parent/guardian/family member of a college student, you play a key role in their success!

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Fall 2019 Classes Begin: Monday, August 26
- New Student Welcome Dinner: Tuesday, August 27
- Last Day of Drop/Add Period: Thursday, September 5
- Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, November 12
- Last Day for Session Withdrawal: Monday, December 2
- Final Exams: Thursday, December 5 through Monday, December 9

In addition, make sure your student knows their current medications and allergies.

If you have any questions, please contact Student Health Services at 610-436-2888 or wcuhs@wcupa.edu.