**Student Experiences:**

Although it is the shortest month, February can seem endless, especially for upperclassmen who don't have the feeling of newness that first-year students have. Students should look for campus learning assistance and resource center (LARC) resources to support their success.

Academically, February brings the first round of graded assignments being returned. If your student did not succeed in all areas, do not despair. Speaking with their professors about the course and searching for additional resources to help with future assignments can pay off.

While February starts off with the new semester feel, things pick up quickly throughout the month. As always, we are proud of the WCU Ram Fam, your student, and the challenges they have faced.

**Learning Assistance and Resource Center**

University College offers a number of services on improving their physical health can motivate your student to push themselves during these trying times.

The transition of an on-campus college experience to a more isolated remote environment has also provided challenges. In fact, more than 40% of college students nationwide do not meet the recommended guidelines of 150 minutes of physical activity per week.

**The Office of Financial Aid**

There are three updates to share with the Ram Fam:

- **Commuter Services (OCCS)** is offering spring programs that will aid your student! Encourage your student to register today.
- Does your student need help with off campus housing for next academic year? Off Campus and Housing Services can help.
- **The Office of Student Budgeting and Financial Planning (OSSBFP)** has information on support for students who are meeting with budget stress.

**Health and Well-being**

We have even made it easier for students to connect and ask questions via our Student Health Services. We have extended our priority deadline to March 1, 2021 for the 2022 FAFSA.

**Ram Fam Timely Issues**

Register today! The 21-22 WCU General Scholarship Application is now open! Students can access the application here.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- February 1-4: **SIBFEST**
- February 8: **Public Health Day**
- February 22: **Public Health Day**
- February 23: **Invest in WCU Day**
- February 26-28: **One Week of Learning and Engagement**

**Ram Connect**

RamConnect has plenty of virtual opportunities for your students this semester. Sign up using RamConnect.

**Financial Aid Updates**

Did you know that your student may be experiencing a lack of physical activity during their semester? One tutoring available to students.

**PANDEMIC EXERCISE**

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**FINANCIAL AID UPDATES**

**GOOD NEWS FROM WCU**

WCU's first-ever Day of Giving, we hope this 2021: G.A.L.A. will capture your sense of adventure. All proceeds will help students with time management, studying, test taking strategies, notetaking, and other academic accommodations.

We are excited to bring the innovative spirit of the 2021: G.A.L.A. to your home. Harness what the 2021: G.A.L.A. offers and make the most of your experience.

**WCU's Dr. Janneken Smucker joined WHYY Philadelphia's school names**

**Well's School of Music Faculty Members Perform Recitals Despite Pandemic**

**Disappointment or excitement about how the semester has started**

**Valentine's Day can be a bright spot in the month, or it can bring on feelings of loneliness,**

**Feelings of claustrophobia as winter continues; tempers tend to be short and tensions increase**

**#RamFam Love,**