It is my hope that this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. As we begin another semester, our leaders at West Chester University have been working very hard to ensure that our students excel academically, as well as connecting them with opportunities to engage in co-curricular activities to complement their academic experience. While things may look different, the pursuit of excellence never stops at West Chester.

Leadership and Involvement at WCU
Student organizations via our RamConnect platform can see many opportunities that are available without having to log into the platform. This short video shows how you can access and explore the platform. IF your student is interested in exploring leadership opportunities beyond their academic course work, here are a few words of advice:

- Academic responsibilities can be stressful; readjustment takes time. While this promises to be another unprecedented semester, it is important to remember that coming back into the routine after a long (and hopefully restful) winter break is often a challenge, so remind your students to be kind to themselves.
- The Student Leadership Development Program is a great place to start if your student is looking to become a virtual leader. Encourage them to join the Leadership Bootcamp and connect with their peers online. Over the course of 5 weeks, they will develop leadership skills and practice them virtually. Sign up at https://bit.ly/clc2021
- There are plenty of ways to get involved this semester. The RamConnect page goes live on February 1. Use https://bit.ly/ramconnect to see what student groups are doing and how to connect with them in a virtual space.
- The Spring Involvement Bulletin Board goes live on February 1. Use https://bitly.org to see all the information on campus activities.
- Is your student looking for an off-campus roommate? OCCS is offering two virtual meeting opportunities. The RamConnect page will have details on how to participate. It is never too early to start the search! Sign up at places4students.wcupa.edu.

Financial Aid
We are also preparing to disburse financial aid for the spring term. Students should review MyWCU for their awards. Please remember that financial aid awards are based on actual enrollment for the spring term. If your student has an unexplained enrollment discrepancy hold on your account, please contact us at finaid@wcupa.edu.

In addition to the financial aid changes:
- If the enrollment discrepancy hold is on financial aid awards, disbursement may be delayed.
- If enrollment plans change and the current number of credits does not match financial aid eligibility, please contact us once financial aid awards have been accepted and confirmed.
- Please note that financial aid awards are based on actual enrollment for the spring term. If any enrollment changes occur, please contact us once confirmed.

Success Coaching
Success Coaching can help your student with study skills, note-taking techniques, test preparation, and make sure the following tasks are complete to secure aid:
- Financial Terms and Conditions have been signed in MyWCU
- Accounts have been "activated" for the spring by "confirming enrollment" on MyWCU.
- All Aid has been "accepted" under "View Awards"

If enrollment plans change and the current number of credits does not match financial aid eligibility, please contact us once confirmed.

Show Your Ram Fam Pride
Show your Ram Fam pride by joining the Class of 2025! We are also preparing to disburse financial aid for the spring term. Students should review MyWCU for their awards. If the enrollment discrepancy hold is on financial aid awards, disbursement may be delayed.

Engagement Opportunities
With the current situation, we have developed new initiatives and transformed existing ones to ensure that our students excel academically, as well as gain connections all year long.

The Financial Aid Team is getting ready for next year's financial aid awards! A new financial aid guide is now available online at wcupa.edu/fafsa.

Visit our RamConnect page for more information and updates.

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