Dear Western Parents and Families,

The 2013-2014 Academic year is slowly coming to an end and students are preparing for graduation, summer jobs, moving, and/or travel. I hope all families that visited Western for the Back2Bellingham weekend enjoyed the event and the beautiful weather. Perhaps your student will be in Bellingham this summer and you will have the opportunity to visit again! Please contact me anytime with questions, concerns or just to chat!

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Important Dates

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For additional WWU Registrar Dates visit:
http://www.wwu.edu/registrar/important_dates_index.shtml
For Western’s Academic Calendar visit:
http://www.wwu.edu/academic_calendar
For Campus Events, Activities and Dates visit:
https://events.wwu.edu/MasterCalendar/
Winter Quarter events sponsored by Career Services
http://www.wwu.edu/careers/careerfair_specialevents.shtml
Summer in Bellingham!

This may be the first summer your student decides to live in Bellingham. The quiet campus and easy going pace of Bellingham are a pleasure and an excellent excuse to pay a visit. Summers in Bellingham provide exceptional opportunities for outdoor activities and community participation.

During the academic year there are nearly 15,000 registered students and 4,060 of them live in the residence halls. During the Summer quarter, nearly 3,000 students register for classes and only a small fraction of students (about 300) live in the residence halls. The residence halls clear out the last day of Spring quarter and prepare for summer residents, conferences, youth camps, and Summerstart! About 10,000 guests come through campus from all over the world for conferences, institutes, youth camps and recreational events. They stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, utilize classroom space and the rec center. Campus guests bring vibrancy to an otherwise sleepy summer campus, and they do not seem to hinder any of our WWU programs. Other than our campus visitors enriching our WWU community, Western and the Bellingham community provide both on and off-campus events that are both free and open to all!

Associated Student Productions and the Viking Union Summer Programs present a Summer Noon Concert Series every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. beginning July 2 and ending August 6. All the musical happenings will occur in the Performing Arts Plaza and are free to the public.

Western Washington University hosts Summer Stock Theatre, theatrical performances on campus and at various Bellingham venues.

Bellingham is vibrant in the summer with endless options for activities. On Wednesday evenings, Bellingham turns into a live music venue. Downtown Sounds program hosts a concert every evening from July to August. Enjoy what downtown has to offer with a great soundtrack in the background.

Bellingham’s Parks and Recreation Department hosts free concerts all summer long, held at Boulevard Park, Big Rock Garden Park, and Elizabeth Park. Whether you like dancing to bongos or foot-tapping to guitar picking, this series offers outdoor serenading for a multitude of tastes.

Grab a snack and a lawn chair for an enjoyable night at the outdoor movies in Fairhaven. Check the schedule for favorite flicks and get there early to catch the bonus live entertainment before each film. Be sure to arrive early as the grass fills up fast! For more information and the film line up, visit: http://www.epiceap.com/fairhaven-outdoor-cinema/
Bellingham Farmers’ Market is the largest market in the area with locally produced delights sure to please the visitor, open Saturday’s through October. There is also the Fairhaven Market, Blaine Gardeners Market, Ferndale Public Market, Lummi Island Farmers Market, and the Lynden Farmers Market.
http://www.bellinghamfarmers.org/

Go to the ball park and cheer on Bellingham’s baseball team – The Bellingham Bells. The season kicks off Friday, June 6th!
http://bellinghambells.com/home/

Needless to say, there are many events, activities, and areas to discover during a summer in Bellingham.

Thank you for attending Back2Bellingham 2014!

This year over 2,000 Family members, Alumni, Students, and Faculty/Staff registered for the weekend. This was the largest and most successful B2B to date!

Thank you to our B2B Parent Connection volunteers!

Tom & Alison Eckels
Kate Espy
Matt & Kazumi McCally
Residence Hall Year-End Move Out: 4 p.m. Friday, June 13

The Housing Agreement for the current school year ends on the last day of spring quarter. Since Memorial Weekend, all students living in University Residences have been preparing for year-end move-out. The step-by-step process for moving out has been distributed to students on a personalized flyer during the month of May. Communities are also spreading the word through floor meetings, posters and email. If your student is registered for summer housing, they will receive special instructions in late May regarding intersession housing, room transfers and summer move-in.

Book Buy Back

The AS Bookstore will buy back new and used textbooks year round with the best prices during the last two weeks of every quarter. Buy back prices for books can be up to 50% of the purchase price. Students can also sell back certain calculators for 50% of the retail price. With the calculator, students must include working batteries, manual with CD and upload cable. If your student has rented a book, they must be returned as rentals and should not be sold as buyback books.

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to stay involved with NSSFO and WWU? Below are some ways to stay connected!

Welcome Families During Summerstart - If you’d like to welcome families and serve on family panels during Summerstart please contact Kate at Kate.Stevenson@wwu.edu or 360.650.4546.

Host a Fall Viking Send-Off! - Would you like to host a send-off potluck for new WWU families and students this September? Hosting a Western send-off is a great way to share your Viking spirit with new WWU families! We’ll make the arrangements, including sending out invitations, managing RSVPs, organizing potluck dishes, and providing WWU information to share at the send-off. Contact Kate Stevenson is you would like more information. Kate.Stevenson@wwu.edu or call 360.650.4546.

Save the Date: Fall Family Open House, October 24-26, 2014!