Parent Connection Newsletter
April 2015

Important Dates

**Back2Bellingham Registration**
Wednesday, April 1

Last day to add/drop classes online
Monday, April 6

**On-Campus Housing Renewal Deadline for 2015-2016**
Wednesday, April 8

**TEDxWWU**
Saturday, April 11

**Always Ask: Negotiation Strategies for Women**
Thursday, April 16

**Ask an Alum: career Conversations with Viking Alumni**
Wednesday, April 22

**Spring Career Fair**
Thursday, April 23

**Foreign Service Careers and Internship Information Session**
Thursday, April 30

**WWU Registrar Dates**

Western’s Academic Calendar

Campus Events, Activities and Dates

Career Services Winter Quarter Events

If you’d like to volunteer during the Back2Bellingham weekend we’ll waive the entry fee. Please contact Kate Stevenson at Kate.Stevenson@wwu.edu to discuss the various volunteer opportunities. Your student(s) may also want to volunteer. We can coordinate volunteer shifts so you can make the most out of your visit to be with you student.
Back2Bellingham 2015, May 15-17

B2B registration is open and all ticketed events are on sale! B2B is packed full of great events and opportunities to play with your student, with over 130 events and activities to choose from! Your $15 registration includes BBQ Lunch on Old Main Lawn featuring the live music of Baby Cakes, carnival in Red Square, Zip-Line across Old Main Lawn, Classes without Quizzes, live music throughout campus, Party in the Library, and the Downtown Bellingham Bash. Additional ticketed events include Ryan Stiles and the Whose Live Anyway cast, Planetarium shows, Sailboat and Motor Boat tours on Lake Whatcom, Kayak Tours on Bellingham Bay, Hui O’ Hawaii Luau, a Painting class, dance and music performances in the PAC, High-Ropes Challenge course, and more!

A few things to know when you come to campus.

1) Parking is FREE everywhere.
2) Most, not all, events are happen on the north end of campus with Red Square being the hub of it all.
3) If you pre-purchase tickets to events when you register, please pick up your complete packet in Red Square. Otherwise the PAC Box Office will be open all day Friday and Saturday.
4) Get the mobile app! Install the Guidebook app on your mobile devices and download Back2Bellingham 2015. The entire schedule will be at your fingertips with maps to get you around campus.

Western’s ‘Off Campus Living’ website a resource to reduce stresses of off-campus housing selection

The housing selection process can create stress for students and families. Whether making a decision to stay in a current residence hall, working to find a different residence or roommates, or managing a general anxiety about moving out “into” the community, students may feel insecure about making decisions without having enough information.

WWU’s Off-Campus Living website (www.wwu.edu/offcampusliving) is a practical and accessible resource with a wide array of information for students looking to move off campus. If your student is considering moving off campus, you can support them in this process by encouraging them to visit the site for more information. The site includes a renter’s guide (with resources for finding a place, landlord/tenant responsibilities, setting up utilities and more) as well as tips about how to make meaningful connections in the community, and more. The Off-Campus Living site is a great resource for both those new to living off-campus, and those who are looking for additional resources in their existing off-campus experience.
Western created the site in order to promote an enjoyable and successful off-campus living experience, and to help inform students about making good choices, being good neighbors and becoming engaged community members.

The City of Bellingham recently enacted legislation to register and inspect all rental units in the City. While the design and implementation policies of the Rental Registration and Inspection Program are still being finalized, students and families are encouraged to continue to check the City’s website at www.cob.org/rentals for more information about the program and its anticipated impact on tenants.

Moving off-campus and into the community of Bellingham can add a rich dimension to your student’s college experience. The Off-Campus Living website helps students to navigate this decision well and to make the most of what the community has to offer them.

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