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WESTMINSTER STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER 2022

Student Life is very excited to welcome new and returning students to Westminster College for the 2022-2023 Academic Year!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our incoming students to the Blue Jay family, and I look forward to welcoming back our returning students. As your Vice President and Dean of Student Life, I look forward to my 11th year with this exceptional institution and supporting you in your journey at Westminster College. I know firsthand how Student Life staff members strive to be student-centered, and it is a privilege and honor for us to be a part of your college experience. We look forward to interacting with you this year, with your health and safety being our utmost priority. We strive to foster an inclusive student body by empowering students with the tools, experiences, and safe and supportive environment needed to achieve both academic success and personal well-being.

I highly encourage you to get involved on campus, maximize your student experience, and take advantage of the variety of services available to support your personal and professional development. I would like to direct you to the Westminster website at WCMO.edu, where you will find resources and information about the various programs and services provided within Student Life. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Student Life by emailing StuLife@WCMO.edu or calling 573-592-5242 if you would like to schedule an appointment with me or another Student Life staff member. I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer as we look forward to coming back together as a campus community!



KASI LACEY, PH.D.

Vice President and Dean of Student Life

MOVE-IN: ARRIVAL	GROUP	TIME	OFFICE/CHECK-IN
AUG. 5	Resident Advisor Staff	Designated Time Slots	Office of Residential Life
AUG. 10	Football Athletes	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Quadrangle
AUG. 15	CAB Move In		Office of Residential Life
AUG. 17	Mentor Move In	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Quadrangle
AUG. 17	Fall Athletes (Soccer, Volleyball)	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Quadrangle
AUG. 17	Fraternity and Sorority	Designated Time Slots	Sorority Floors - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Groves and Apartments - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
AUG. 20	New Students	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Quadrangle
AUG. 22	Transfer Students	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	JCI First Floor
AUG. 23	Returning Students	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	JCI First Floor

If there is a conflict with your designated check in time and you need to arrive either before or after your time slot, please complete the [Early/Late Arrival Form](#).

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HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office

573-592-5230

Financial Aid Office

573-592-5364

Wellness Center

573-592-5361

Registrar's Office

573-592-5213

Student Life Office

573-592-5242

Fresh Ideas

573-592-5033

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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

We are excited to have you join us on campus this fall!

Residential Life strives to foster inclusive communities and holistic student development through co-curricular learning opportunities and by promoting academic scholarship. Each hall, apartment, and townhome at the College has a residential advisor who is your resource for living on campus. Feel free to reach out to them about upcoming hall events and any questions or concerns about your living space. Additionally, feel free to reach out to the Office of Student Life at StuLife@WCMO.edu.

- For more information on what to bring for your upcoming move, visit our [What to Bring page](#).
- To request a special housing accommodation, visit [MyWC](#).
- To register an Emotional Support Animal, visit [MyWC](#).

MEAL PLANS

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan. Included here are the meal plans available for each housing location on campus:

- **Freshman Quadrangle** – 19-meal plan
- **Triangle** – 10-, 14-, and 19-meal plans
- **Townhomes and Apartments** – 5-, 10-, 14-, and 19-meal plans

Students who commute or are approved for off-campus living are eligible to select a meal plan.

To request to change your meal plan, visit [MyWC](#).

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Westminster College has partnered with a company called TextCaster to provide text message-based alerts in the event of campus emergencies. TextCaster's service provides you with the capability of opting in to receive emergency text alerts from campus officials. In the event of an emergency, Westminster College officials will send a message through the TextCaster system, and the message will appear on your cell phone. This is a free service; however, charges for text messages may be applied to your phone bill by your cellular phone carrier, depending on your particular plan.

To sign up, visit [TextCaster's sign up page](#).



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Sorority Recruitment: Aug. 28 - Sept. 5

Fraternity Recruitment: Aug. 30 - Sept. 10

REGISTER FOR FRATERNITY AND SORORITY RECRUITMENT!

Returning Fraternity and Sorority Member Move-In: Aug. 17, 2022



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FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

The Westminster First Year Experience is designed to help students make the transition to college and establish an early foundation for success. At Westminster, we support student development through fostering the skills, self-awareness, and personal wellness strategies needed to pursue academic, personal, and professional goals. Please see the **First Year Experience webpage** for more information about first-year courses, support, and information for the fall semester. Additionally, please like the **Westminster First Year Experience Facebook page** for important updates throughout the summer and fall.



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NEW STUDENT WEEK SCHEDULE

New Student Week is the week prior to classes starting that is dedicated to introducing first-year students to campus. The week is packed with fun activities planned by Student Involvement/Campus Activities Board. New Student Week includes traditions such as the Columns Ceremony and marks the beginning of your academic career when you take part in Westminster Seminar for the first time. Here are a few featured activities along with the link to the full schedule and event details:

ROCK THE HILL - Come celebrate the end of summer on the Hill! There will be fun, food, music, and games to help you unwind before the first day of classes.

SEX RULES - An interactive presentation to provide a refreshing, enlightening and empowering training about sex, sexuality, and sexual assault awareness and prevention.

MEET THE GREEKS - Join us to "Meet and Greeks." Enjoy mingling with our active fraternity and sorority members, and learn more about each individual chapter and what makes them unique.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR - The Student Involvement Fair is your personal ticket to leadership opportunities and resources on campus. Come learn how to get involved by checking out our campus clubs and organizations!

[SEE FULL NEW STUDENT WEEK SCHEDULE](#)



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WELLNESS CENTER AND INSURANCE OPT-OUT

The Student Health Clinic provides a variety of healthcare services and is staffed by a full-time nurse practitioner and mental health counselors. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Westminster College requires the following immunizations: MMR1 and 2; Tdap in the last 10 years, and the Meningococcal vaccine. Immunization documentation, the TB questionnaire, and a Completed Health Form must be submitted to the Wellness Center prior to beginning classes. Westminster College requires that all students have health insurance. Students are automatically enrolled in the student health plan sponsored by the College unless they waive out with proof of current insurance. Please see the [Student Plans Center](#) to waive coverage.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Your health and safety continue to be our number one priority. Westminster College does not require the COVID-19 vaccine for students; however, we strongly encourage all members of our campus to get vaccinated and to [upload their COVID-19 vaccine proof](#) to returning to campus (you must be logged into MyWC). Please email WellnessCenter@WCMO.edu for any health-related questions.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION



Sexual Violence Prevention is a required online course to be completed by all new students, with class credit assigned. This reality-driven course discusses consent, provides an overview of sexual violence, and empowers students to take action to prevent further harm. Using presenter-led content, personal accounts of interpersonal violence, interactive elements, and scenarios that demonstrate key concepts, this course illustrates how sexual violence prevention goes beyond victims and perpetrators: It affects everyone and requires all of us to take action.

This online course will be sent to students via email, and students will be able to complete the program before the start of the school year or into the first few weeks of school. The course can be paused, saved, and returned to, allowing participants to learn at their own pace. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate of completion.

Every Blue Jay intentionally seeks student input to help with prevention, awareness, and updating relevant resources to meet specific needs of our students.

Sexual Violence Prevention is funded by Grant No. 2017-WA-AX-0036 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The opinions, findings, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of author9s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the DOJ, OVW.



If you have any questions about Sexual Violence Prevention, please contact Bettina Korte-Sweede, Every Blue Jay Project Coordinator, at Bettina.Korte-Sweede@WCMO.edu. Check out the [Every Blue Jay webpage](#).

PARKING REMINDERS



All Westminster students must register their motor vehicle on [MyWC](#) within 72 hours of arrival on campus. Upon registration, students will receive a parking permit, which must be affixed and clearly visible on the inside bottom right of the front windshield.

Parking violation fee reminders:

- Improper parking ticket **\$40**
- No parking permit **\$70**
- Handicap parking **\$100**
- Admissions visitor parking **\$70**
- Visitor parking **\$40**
- Faculty/staff parking **\$30**

CENTER FOR FAITH & SERVICE

The Center for Faith & Service (CFS) offers programs for engaging spirituality, diversity, and service-oriented experiences! Be sure to check out our events throughout the year like Colors of Westminster, Diversity Dialogues, and the popular Alternative Spring Break trip next semester. As always, the CFS House and all programs are open to individuals from all backgrounds including deep faith, no faith, some faith, or many faiths! Want to start a Bible study or a small meditation group of your own? Talk to the staff in CFS and we can help you get started.

You're invited to our annual Welcome Back Lunch to learn more specific ways to get involved: Tell us what kind of programs you want to see this year! The CFS House is located in the yellow brick house at 322 W. 6th St. and has comfy couches, free coffee and tea, and open late-night. Check out our interfaith prayer space upstairs for a quiet place to be. You can reserve ahead of time or simply walk in. The space is available to all Westminster students, faculty, and staff. Follow our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram account](#) for updates and ways to get involved!



CFS AROUND CAMPUS

Look out for the CFS logo for events and co-sponsored partnerships throughout the year!



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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

JOHNSON COLLEGE INN (JCI) UPDATES

A new vending option will be available in JCI this Fall. "Sally" is the world's first fresh food robot. Using innovative robotics, Sally assembles delicious meals from ingredients that are contained and protected inside food-safe canisters at 38 degrees refrigeration. As many as 22 fresh ingredients are available to customize bowls, salads or on-the-go snacks! No matter the creation, Sally produces fully customizable orders in 90 seconds. Check out Sally's menu - or order a fresh salad - Pay for your order using Sally's card reader and enjoy!





UPDATED LOUNGE SPACE JCI

We have added a couch lounge space, removing the structure known as the “bubble” to create a comfy area for students to gather, study, and relax. Additionally, a fun addition to this area was a new foosball table to join the arcade machine. We look forward to healthy competition among our students utilizing these gaming features.

NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS LOUNGE

Located in Johnson College Inn a new office has been created for clubs and organizations to utilize for planning, meetings, collaboration, and hangout. Student Government Association will hold office hours in this space and this office will also be the home of our Student Life Fellow.



STUDENT-ATHLETES

Welcome to Westminister from the Sports Medicine and Performance staff. We would like to inform all incoming student-athletes that medical information forms need to be filled out prior to the start of the fall semester. These forms are mandated by the NCAA to be completed prior to participation. Instructions on how to complete this information can be accessed on the [athletics website](#). All new student-athletes also need to complete a **pre-participation physical** and have their blood drawn to be tested for sickle cell anemia. These forms need to be turned in to the Sports Medicine staff upon arrival at Westminister. If a student-athlete decides not to have blood drawn, a sickle cell denial waiver will need to be filled out.

At this time, the NCAA does not require testing or vaccination of our student athletes. However, we strongly recommend that you get vaccinated, as these protocols could change and potentially impact any future testing requirements and/or isolation or quarantine protocols. Please contact the Wellness Center and upload a copy of your vaccination card prior to your return.

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STUDENT LIFE STAFF UPDATES

Since the conclusion of the spring semester, Student Life has added new staff members to the department. We are excited to welcome our 2022-2023 fellows to the Student Life team!



RACHELLE SIMON

Chaplain and Director of the Center for Faith and Service

Rachelle Simon is the new Chaplain and Director of the Center for Faith and Service. Originally from Sedalia, Missouri, she is excited to be returning to work in the Show Me State. Rachelle earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Rockhurst University, a Master's of Counseling from Villanova University, and a Master's of Divinity from Boston College. Over the past decade, Rachelle has educated and formed college students in residential life, student conduct, and campus ministry settings. Rachelle brings her background and experience in higher education, counseling, and ministry to serve the Westminster community. In her personal time, Rachelle enjoys cooking, hiking, and supporting the arts with her wife Ariell.



LOGAN JOHN

Chaplain Resident and Coordinator of Community Engagement

Logan is the Chaplain Resident and Coordinator of Community Engagement at Westminster College. His work concentrates on the theory and practice of meaning making across religious, philosophical, and spiritual modalities; most recently completing a Master of Divinity in Interfaith Literacy and Leadership at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Logan brings experience in earth-based spirituality, contemplative Christianity, Quaker discernment, mindfulness practices, and interfaith approaches. When he is not behind on grading papers, you may find him behind a piano or chessboard. On the weekends, he'll be walking in the woods.



KRYSTAL RAMOS-IRIZARRI

Student Life Fellow

¡Hola! My name is Krystal Ramos-Irizarri and I am very excited to be back on campus as one of the Student Life Fellows. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico before moving to the U.S.A. to further my education. As a student in Westminster College, I pursued a degree in Forensic Psychology and Spanish with a translation emphasis. Westminster College provided me with wonderful opportunities to grow as a student. I was the Head RA for two years and was involved in Greek life, Student Government Association, Student Foundation, Student Ambassadors among a few other things. As a Student Life Fellow, I'm excited to keep working with Student Life to enhance the experience of all students and help them grow just like Westminster helped me. You can find me at the Center for Faith & Service on Sixth Street ready to help and with candy in hand!



HALEY WOMICK

Student Life Fellow

Hello! My name is Haley Womick and I am so excited to be this year's Student Life Fellow. I'm originally from St. Louis, Missouri and graduated Westminster with a double Business degree. During my time at Westminster I was involved in Greek Life, as well as a few different clubs and organizations here on campus. I spent a lot of time in the local Fulton community whether it be going to the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings, volunteering with the local nonprofits, and working at the Fulton CVS Pharmacy. I am very excited to get to meet and work with everyone during the new school year and be able to help enhance the Student Life Experience. You can find me in our new Club and Organizations Office in the back of JCI.