# WESTMINSTER STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER 2020

**Student Life is very excited to welcome new and returning students for the 2020-2021 Academic Year!**

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our incoming students to the Blue Jay family. I also look forward to seeing the familiar faces of our returning students, as you have been dearly missed. As your Vice President/Dean of Student Life, I look forward to my ninth year with this exceptional institution and supporting you in your journey this upcoming academic year. During these unprecedented times, our Student Life staff continues to be reminded of the privilege and honor it is to be a part of your college experience. I can assure you that everyone at the College has been working hard at prioritizing your health and safety as we plan for your return. Student Life staff strive to foster an inclusive student body by empowering students with tools, experiences, and a healthy 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 will also direct you to the website at [www.WCMO.edu](http://www.WCMO.edu), where you will find our campus COVID-19 plan. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Student Life by emailing Stu.Life@WCMO.edu or calling 573-592-5242 if you would like to schedule an appointment with myself or another Student Life staff member. Please be safe, and enjoy the remainder of your summer as we look forward to coming back together as a campus community, stronger than ever.

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**KASI LACEY, PH.D.**
Vice-President/Dean of Student Life

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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please see the full academic calendar for all Fall Semester 2020 dates.

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

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### STAY CONNECTED

- [Greek Life @WCGreekLife](http://www.WCMO.edu)
- [Panhellenic Council @WCpanhellenic](http://www.WCMO.edu)
- [Interfraternity Council @WestminsterIFC](http://www.WCMO.edu)
- [Student Government Association @WestminsterCollegeSGA](http://www.WCMO.edu)
- [First Year Experience](http://www.WCMO.edu)
- [Campus Activities Board @WestMOCAB](http://www.WCMO.edu)
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**RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

We are excited to have you join us this fall! Residential Life strives to foster inclusive communities and the holistic development of the students by providing co-curricular learning opportunities and promoting academic scholarship. Although our programming activities may look slightly different this year, we will still provide many opportunities for you to connect with other students in your living area. Each hall/apartment/townhome has a residential advisor that 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 Alex Bryan, Director of Residential Life, at [Alex.Bryan@WCMO.edu](mailto:Alex.Bryan@WCMO.edu).

- For FAQs about Housing with regards to our COVID-19 plan, [click here](#).
- For more information on what to bring for your upcoming move, [click here](#).
- To request a special housing accommodation, [click here](#).
- To register an Emotional Support Animal, [click here](#).
- To request to change your meal plan, [click here](#).

**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 of the skills, self-awareness, and personal wellness strategies needed to pursue academic, personal, and professional goals. Please see the First Year Experience webpage for all your questions. Additionally, please like the Westminster First Year Experience Facebook page for important updates throughout the summer and fall.
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 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
Celebrate the end of summer with an evening of fun, food, music, and games! There will be music, inflatables, and more to help you unwind before the first day of classes.

“TOGETHER WE CAN”
Jeff Bucholtz, Director of We End Violence, provides an insightful discussion of sexual violence and how to prevent it through an examination of the cultural ideologies, attitudes, and behaviors that allow it to flourish.

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

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR
Student Involvement Fair Poster Displays are your personal ticket to leadership opportunities and resources on campus. The Poster Fair will be displayed for a week in Backer Dining Room. Come learn how to get involved by checking out our campus clubs and organizations!

SEE FULL NEW STUDENT WEEK SCHEDULE
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 AM to 5 PM. Counseling and health services will be provided both in person and virtually during the fall semester. Westminster College requires the following immunizations: MMR1 & 2; Tdap, and Meningococcal. 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 Westminster College unless they waive out with proof of current insurance. Please see the [Student Plans Center](#) to waive coverage and provide proof of coverage.

### COVID-19 SCREENING FORM

As stated in previous communications, your health and safety continue to be our number one priority. Therefore, we are asking all students to complete a COVID pre-screening form prior to returning to campus. Please click on the following [link](#) (you must be logged into MyWC) for the COVID screening form, which will be sent to our Director of Health Services/Nurse Practitioner. This information will be reviewed to determine if you may need a referral for COVID-19 testing prior to returning to campus. Please email WellnessCenter@WCMO.edu for health-related questions or questions regarding this form. We encourage you to visit www.WCMO.edu for additional information regarding our Stronger Than Ever 2020 COVID-19 Fall Plan.

### NOT ANYMORE

Not Anymore is a required online course to be completed by all new students. The reality-driven course is designed to educate students about consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention as well as the realities of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and more. Featuring student presenters and survivors, the course includes scenarios, testimonials, and key advice for dealing with these crucial topics. This online course will be sent to students via email, and students will have until the start of the school year to complete the program. 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.

If you have any questions about Not Anymore, please contact Virginia Mohammed, Every Blue Jay Project Coordinator, at Virginia.Mohammed@WCMO.edu
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:

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

CENTER FOR FAITH & SERVICE

FOR NEW STUDENTS ESPECIALLY

Don’t have a car, or need a ride? Remember you can use SERVE transportation for a small fee to get around. Also check out the Churchill Institute for Global Engagement (CIGE)-sponsored Walmart shuttle for regular trips and times.

Need some extra help with food? Remember you can visit the Westminster Food Pantry in the CIGE house, which is free for students. Follow them on social media for their updated hours.

FOR ALL STUDENTS, EVEN RETURNING ONES

Center for Faith and Service Program Updates

The Center for Faith and Service has rebranded its historic “Thursday at 11” program into the categories of Mind, Body, Spirit, and Community. Diversity Dialogues have had a refresh as well — we’ll be teaching skills for difficult conversations about topics that matter as a part of our programs. As always, the CFS House and all programs are open to folks of deep faith, no faith, some faith, or many faiths!

Come to our annual Welcome Back Lunch to find out ways to get involved. This event is hosted in the back yard of the CFS House, located at 322 W. 6th St. The House has comfy couches, free coffee and tea, and late-night open hours (when it’s COVID-19 appropriate, of course!). 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 regarding physical distancing and up-to-date ways to get involved!

CFS Around Campus

Look out for the CFS logo for events and co-sponsored partnerships throughout the year!
UPDATES TO JOHNSON COLLEGE INN AND BACKER DINING ROOM

Over the summer, updates were made to Backer Dining Room and Johnson College Inn (JCI). In Backer Dining Room, new flooring and paint brightened up the eatery area. In addition, the seating area has been adjusted for COVID-19 recommendations to ensure physical distancing. We look forward to seeing students in the dining hall once again, as student meal plans begin on August 5.

In JCI, new paint and flooring has modernized the hang-out space. In addition to these cosmetic updates, JCI has a new menu for the Fall 2020 Semester. In the fall, JCI will be offering food in a Taqueria format. Students can select from main items such as burritos, burrito bowls, tacos, etc., and then add the protein and toppings of their choice. In addition to the main items, there will also be the option for special meals throughout each month.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Welcome to Westminster 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 school starting. These forms are mandated by the NCAA to be completed prior to participation. Instructions on how to complete this information can be at BlueOcean.EDH.com. All new student-athletes also to complete a physical on the Preparticipation Physical Exam Form 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 Westminster. If a student-athlete decides to not have blood drawn, a sickle cell denial waiver will need to be filled out.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ATHLETICS

Westminster College Athletics @Westminster Athletics
Westminster College Athletic Training
Westminster Athletics @WC_BlueJays
Westminster Athletics @WC_BlueJays
Since the conclusion of the spring semester, Student Life has added new staff members to the department. We are excited to welcome two staff members and our 2020-2021 fellows to the Student Life team.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR**

My name is **KATEY GIPSON**. I am the new Health and Safety Compliance Coordinator. I have a bachelor’s degree in Safety Management with a minor in Fire Science. I have spent most of my career working in industry. I am an outdoors person and love to travel. I have a wonderful little girl and will be getting married in December. I spend the majority of my time on the farm enjoying horseback riding and just being outside. I am very excited to be a part of the Blue Jay Nation!

**STUDENT LIFE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Hello Westminster! My name is **JAELIN WHITE**, and I am the new Student Life Administrative Assistant. I am a recent graduate from Mizzou with a Bachelor of Arts in Digital Storytelling and Psychology. In my spare time, I work out, fish, binge-watch TV shows, and enjoy cooking new recipes. Here at Westminster, I look forward to working alongside the Student Life team to make this year a great experience for our students. I am located downstairs in Hunter Activity Center in the Residential Life Office. Thank you for welcoming me to the Westminster family. Stay safe, and see you all in August!

**STUDENT LIFE FELLOW**

My name is **PAYTON COOLEY**. I am from Jefferson City, Missouri, and a recent graduate of Westminster College. I majored in Biology with a minor in Psychology and plan to attend nursing school. During my time as a student, I was a CAB Exec chair for three years, an SGA Senator for two years, and in Alpha Gamma Delta. Overall, I was just super involved in Student Life! I am extremely excited about being the new Student Life Fellow and being at Westminster another year! My love for Westminster grew every year, and I am so thankful for all the opportunities it gave me. I cannot wait to expand on that, even more, this year! This campus and community have so much to offer, and I am excited to be able to help current and prospective students see all those wonderful things that I saw and continue to see every day. I am excited and blessed for this opportunity and can’t wait to be back with everybody very soon!

**INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT FELLOW**

My name is **YUSUF NUUR**. I am the Intercultural Engagement Fellow. Throughout my four years at Westminster College, my involvement as a resident advisor, mentor, peer health educator, and member of SGA helped me grow as a person and learn a lot. I am grateful to have the opportunity to give back to the Westmo community. Outside of work, I enjoy video games, yoga, futsal, and taking naps.
In addition to new staff members, a few Student Life staff members acquired new roles during the summer months.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANT OPERATIONS AND SECURITY

My name is JACK BENKE. I am the Executive Director of Plant Operations and Security. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of the Westminster community. Westminster has been a big part of my life for the past 20 years, and I can only hope that my contribution here has made a difference.

ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE AND DIRECTOR OF GREEK LIFE

My name is MADISON SHAW. I am the Assistant Dean of Student Life/Director of Greek Life. I am a Westminster alumna and proud to work at my alma mater. I am grateful for my time working with the fraternity and sorority community. I am excited to continue building relationships and serving the Westminster community.