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Dear Westminster Students,

I hope that this message finds each of you safe and well. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our incoming students to the Blue Jay family, and I also want to tell you that I look forward to seeing the familiar faces of our returning students, as you have been missed. 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. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you back on campus, in person, soon!

As noted in the previous communication you received earlier this week, your health and safety remain our top priority, and the adjustment to the academic calendar was a carefully considered and necessary decision. I know that many of you have additional questions about move-in dates, New Student Week activities, Commencement 2020, athletic schedules, and much more. Even though we may not have the precise details regarding each exciting event, as your Vice President/Dean of Student Life, I will communicate with you as soon as decisions are finalized for the upcoming year so that you can plan accordingly. I thank you all in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through these changes in our dates and processes for the start of the Fall 2020 semester.

In order to abide by social-distancing guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College Health Association, we are adjusting Move-In Day to several days. Individuals will be assigned a specific date and time in which they can move in. Currently, the following dates have been finalized and can be noted for planning purposes:

New Student Move-In Days*

- Wednesday, August 5 and Thursday, August 6
 - Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Location: The Churchill Quadrangle
- Meal Service will start on Wednesday, August 5
- New Student Convocation and Columns Ceremony: Sunday, August 9

*Residential Advisors and Mentors will move in prior to new students. Communication to follow from Alex Bryan, Director of Residential Life, and Dr. Kali Wright-Smith, Director of First Year Experience

Specialty Groups Move-In Day*

- Skulls of Seven and Student Ambassadors
 Friday, August 7: Times to be determined
- Greek Move-In Day

 Friday, August 7: Communication regarding time slots for each location to follow from Madison Shaw, Director of Greek Life.

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Commencement 2020

• Saturday, August 8

Returning Student Move-In Days

• Sunday, August 9 and Monday, August 10: Times to be determined and assigned by location

In addition, the Office of Student Life is working closely with the Department of

Athletics to coordinate athlete move-in dates and times. Please note that fall and winter sports schedules are still to be determined.

Finally, individuals who absolutely need to arrive earlier than the scheduled times must complete the <u>Early Arrival Form</u>. Additional communications will be sent this summer with updates on our policies, recommendations on items to bring to campus, details regarding Commencement 2020, the schedule for New Student Week, details on student-involvement opportunities, and more. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email <u>StuLife@wcmo.edu</u>.

We look forward to making this year exceptional for you, and we anticipate coming back as a campus community together, stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

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