March 13, 2020

Out of an abundance of concern for our students, faculty, staff, and prospective students and families, Westminster College has decided to cancel the on-campus SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration) day scheduled for March 28.

We are pleased to be able to offer a "Virtual SOAR" experience on March 28. Our SOAR webpage will provide a series of videos of all of the presentations that you would see at our SOAR days so that you can still learn about Academics, Student Life, Student Success Resources, Financial Aid, and our Digital Blue program. We will also provide you with Residential Life information so that you can learn more about fall housing.

In order to facilitate the most important aspect of the day, advising and registration for your Fall 2020 courses, you will be provided a scheduled time where an academic advisor will contact you over the phone to complete your advising session.

We hope that by providing all of these resources online and maintaining our plans to complete your course registration on March 28, you will have the opportunity to continue to learn more about Westminster, get your questions answered, and take the next steps to prepare you to join us in the fall.

If you prefer to make plans to join us on campus for a later SOAR event or to come to campus another time to work with an advisor rather than completing advising over the phone, please contact your Enrollment representative who will assist you in making alternative plans. We are happy to work with you to ensure that you are connected to any campus resources you may need and to make sure you are excited about your fall course plans.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this change in plans, but we look forward to offering you a meaningful Virtual SOAR experience and registering you for courses on March 28. We will provide you with more specific information about your advising appointment call time and how to access Virtual SOAR in the week ahead.

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