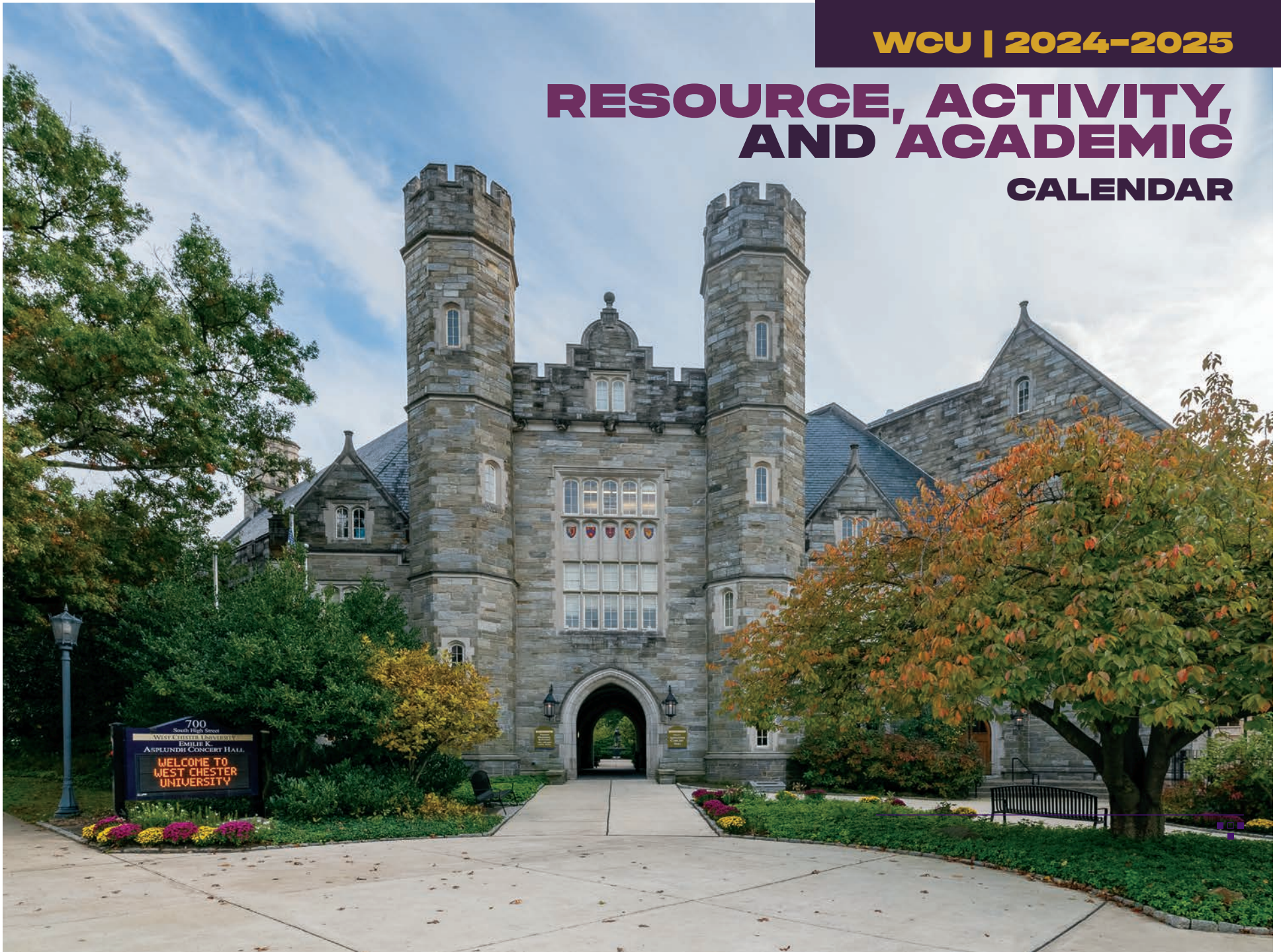


WCU | 2024-2025

RESOURCE, ACTIVITY, AND ACADEMIC CALENDAR



Dear WCU Parents and Families,

Congratulations to your student on becoming a WCU Golden Ram! Let me also take this opportunity to welcome to you the Ram Family!!! We have an engaging community of active parents, guardians, student supporters, and family members who partner with the University and the Office of Parent and Family Relations to foster and support student success.

WCU is a special place, where we take pride in our services, programs, resources, and offices dedicated to supporting students and families through the successes and challenges that are common throughout the college experience.

While I look forward to partnering with you during your Golden Ram's journey, please note that I am also in the unique position to also act as the WCU Student Ombuds. In this role, I can work directly with your student when they have questions or concerns about their campus experience.

At WCU, parents and family members are truly valued partners. By "parents and families," we mean moms and dads (biological, adoptive, and foster), guardians, step-parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles — anyone who loves, cares, and supports your WCU student. We recognize that it takes a village!

We know that staying informed and being part of your student's higher education journey is very important. The Office of Parent and Family Relations uses our platform called "Ram Fam Central" as our main digital communication tool. At the end of this page, you will find a QR code to use to sign up for Ram Fam Central. Be sure to do this so you don't miss out on any of the important messages that will be added to this platform during the academic year.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, I have created this calendar for you. Aside from listing each month of the year, important events and dates, and some helpful tips to consider, I have also included resource information for various departments throughout the University. Please use this contact information as needed.

While I am providing you with information for various university departments, please know that my office can also serve as a first- point-of inquiry for both you and your student. I am here to help with questions, concerns, and any needs your or your student may have.

Please feel free to contact me as needed.

Sincerely,

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Ram Fam Central
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Student Support & Contact Information

Academics and Learning Support

Who can my student talk to about choosing a major?

Exploratory Studies

610-436-3505 / advising@wcupa.edu

Who can my student and I talk to about accommodations?

Office of Educational Accessibility

610-436-2564 / oea@wcupa.edu

Where can my student get tutoring support?

Learning Assistance & Resource Center

610-436-2535 / larc@wcupa.edu

Who can my student talk to about extended absences?

Student Assistance

610-436-0165 / StudentAssistance@wcupa.edu

Where can my student get writing support?

Writing Center

610-436-5664 / writingcenter@wcupa.edu

Where can my student athlete go if they need support?

Student Athlete Support Services

610-436-3573 / wcupagoldenrams.com/sports/

Where can students buy and rent textbooks?

WCU Campus Store

610-436-2242



Student Life

Who can my student talk to about getting involved?

Student Leadership and Involvement

610-436-2117 / Involvement@wcupa.edu

Who does my student call with questions about Greek Life?

Fraternity and Sorority Life

610-436-2117 / FSL@wcupa.edu

Who can my student talk to if they want to volunteer?

Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact

610-436-3379 / KClay@wcupa.edu

Where can my student get involved with intramural sports/club sports/outdoor adventure pursuits?

Campus Recreation

610-436-1732 / campusrecreation@wcupa.edu

What if my student wants to study abroad?

Global Engagement Office

610-436-3515 / International@wcupa.edu

What can my student expect as a new student?

New Student Programs

610-436-3305 / Orientation@wcupa.edu

Where can students call about career and internship opportunities?

Career Development Center

610-436-2501 / CDC@wcupa.edu

Where can students go if they are experiencing food/clothing insecurities?

Resource Pantry

610-436-2378 / pantry@wcupa.edu

Where can students find volunteer activities and/or clubs and events?

Ram Connect

ramconnect.wcupa.edu/home_login

Where can I find information about upcoming events, activities, and important dates?

Ram Fam Central

wcupa.campusesp.com/users/sign_up

Student Support Services

Who should my student contact about their meal plan?

WCU Dining Services

610-436-2730 / wcudiningservices@wcupa.edu

Where can my student ask questions about living on campus?

Residence Life and Housing Services

610-436-3306 / housing@wcupa.edu

Who can my student talk to about off-campus living?

Off-Campus and Commuter Services

610-436-2209 / commuters@wcupa.edu

Who can a student talk with about scholarships and financial aid?

Financial Aid

610-436-2627 / finaid@wcupa.edu

Where can my student get support for technology issues?

Information Services and Technology

610-436-2739 / wcupa.edu/infoServices/serviceNow/

Who do I call when I have billing or payment plan issues?

Bursar

610-436-2552 / bursar@wcupa.edu

Where can I call to better understand judicial procedures?

Student Conduct

610-436-3511 / StudentConduct@wcupa.edu

Who can my student contact for overall questions and concerns?

Student Ombuds

610-436-3356 / Studentombuds@wcupa.edu

Student Identity, Health, and Wellness

Where can my student talk about their queer identity with professionals?

Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy

610-436-3147 / TransandQueer@wcupa.edu

Where can my student go to talk about healthy goals?

Wellness Promotion

610-436-2509 / wellness@wcupa.edu

My student is sick. Where can they go?

Student Health Services

610-436-2509 / healthctr@wcupa.edu

Where can my student get mental health support?

Counseling Center

610-436-2301 / wcucc@wcupa.edu

Where can my student receive identity mentorship?

Lawrence Dowdy Multicultural Center

610-436-3273 / multicultur@wcupa.edu

Where can my student-veteran receive support?

Veterans Center

610-436-2862 / veteranscenter@wcupa.edu





Preparing for /Returning to College

Consider asking your student:

What is your plan for managing social situations where alcohol and drugs might be present?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Office of Wellness Promotion

Ram Plan Program – Decisions About Drinking

Student Health Services

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Commuter Success Day	17
18	19	20	21 New Student Move In	22 New Student Move In	23	24
			New Student Welcome Week			
25 New Student Welcome Week	26 First Day of Classes and First Day of Add/Drop	27	28	29	30	31





Getting Involved!

Consider asking your student:

What clubs/sports/activities are of interest to you on campus?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Attend the Involvement Fair - 9/4

Contact the Student Leadership & Involvement Office

Connect with the Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day – no classes	3 Last Day for Add/Drop	4 Involvement Fair First Day of Course Withdrawal	5	6 Free Student Legal Aid WCU Dining Services – Tailgate Party Lunch	7
8	9	10	11 Involvement Fair (rain date)	12 Student Study Abroad Fair	13 Interfraternity Council Information Sessions	14 Interfraternity Council Information Sessions
15 Interfraternity Council Information Sessions	16 Check Up from the Neck Up Week	17 Check Up from the Neck Up Week National Voter Registration Day	18 Check Up from the Neck Up Week	19 Check Up from the Neck Up Week	20 Check Up from the Neck Up Week Free Student Legal Aid Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) & National Pan Hellenic Council – Meet the Greeks	21
22	23	24	25 Les Mills Masterclass Job & Internship Fair Red Cross Blood Drive	26	27	28
29	30				Students – check your WCU email for information on the room change period	Residential students – health & safety inspections will occur Sept – Oct.





Homecoming/Friends & Family Weekend!

Consider asking your student:

How is the semester going so far?

What is going well? Where could improvements be made?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Checking D2L for updated grades

Utilizing professor's office hours – all professors have office hours!

Consider using a calendar or scheduling system to complete assignments

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Non-Profit and Volunteer Fair	3	4 Free Student Legal Aid	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Fall Break (no classes)	15 Fall Break (no classes)	16	17	18 Free Student Legal Aid	19
20	21	22	23 Off Campus Housing Fair WCU Dining Services - Pumpkin Decorating	24 Last Day of Course Withdrawal	25 Homecoming/Friends & Family Weekend	26 Homecoming/Friends & Family Weekend
27 Homecoming/Friends & Family Weekend	28	29	30 Red Cross Blood Drive Spooky Bootcamp	31	Students – check your WCU email for information about the room change period	Students – consider your Thanksgiving plans and watch your WCU email for information about Thanksgiving Break Housing Requests





Preparing for Finals/ Dealing with Stress

Consider asking your student:

How are you preparing for final exams for your courses?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Check RamConnect for upcoming events to help students navigate stress

Consider using the Learning and Assistance Resource Center (LARC)

WCU Counseling Center

WCU Student Ombuds

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Free Student Legal Aid	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Fitness Special Event	13 Health and Well-Being Expo	14	15 Off Campus Students (Free Student Legal Aid)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	International Education Week					
		WCU Dining Services – Friendsgiving Lunch	Red Cross Blood Drive			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Thanksgiving Break			

Students – please check your WCU email for information about the Returning Student Selection Process





Preparing for Students to Return Home

Consider asking your student:

What adjustments might my student have to returning home?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Students in residence halls – consult communications from Residence Life & Housing for things that need to be handled before you leave for winter break

Students and families – think about the things that will be needed at home for about 4 weeks

Families/Student supporters – consider that there may be a transition coming back into the home after living independently for a few months

Students living off-campus – check with your landlord/leasing company to determine if there are specific things you need to do/secure during this break

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Thanksgiving Break	2	3 WCU Dining Services – Late Night Breakfast	4	5	6 Free Student Legal Aid	7
8	9 Last Day of Classes	10 Final Exams	11 Final Exams	12 Final Exams	13 Final Exams	14 Final Exams Commencement
15 Commencement	16 First Day of Winter Classes and Friday of Add/Drop	17	18 First Day of winter course withdrawal	19	20	21
22	23	24 WCU Closed No Classes	25 WCU Closed No Classes	26 WCU Closed No Classes	27 WCU Closed No Classes	28 WCU Closed No Classes
29 WCU Closed No Classes	30 WCU Closed No Classes	31 WCU Closed No Classes				

Residence halls are closed during the winter break. Be sure to take everything you will need during this time off.





Academic Planning

Consider asking your student:

What goals do you have for the upcoming semester?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Student Success Coach

Bursar's Office

WCU Writing Center



JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 WCU Closed No Classes	2	3	4
5	6	7 Last Day of Winter course withdrawal	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Last day of Winter session	20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (University closed)	21 First day of Spring 2025 semester and First day of Add/Drop WCU Dining Services – Restaurant Night	22	23	24 Free Student Legal Aid	25
26	27	28 Last day of Add/Drop	29 First day of course withdrawal	30	31	

Students check your WCU email for information about Residence Halls reopening for Spring 2025. Students review your WCU email for information regarding meal plan changes.





Mental Health

Consider asking your student:

How are you doing?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

WCU Counseling Center

WCU Health Center

WCU Wellness Promotion Office



FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 WCU Dining Services – The Big Game! Super Bowl Celebration	7 Free Student Legal Aid	8
9	10	11	12 Let's Talk About Sex Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) & National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) Meet the Greeks 101	13	14	15
16	17 Panhellenic Recruitment	18 Panhellenic Recruitment	19 Panhellenic Recruitment	20	21 Free Student Legal Aid	22
23	24	25 Panhellenic Recruitment	26 Panhellenic Recruitment Job & Internship Fair	27	28	<p><i>Students – please check your WCU email for information about the room change period, spring break housing requests</i></p> <p><i>Health & Safety inspections will occur this month and extend into March</i></p>





Careers

Consider asking your student:

What are you doing outside of your courses to prepare for your future career?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

WCU Career Development Center – get a free headshot picture taken

Handshake (lists jobs and internships)

Check RamConnect for upcoming career development events

Consider adding co-curricular events to your Ram Plan transcript

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 WCU Dining Services – Mardi Gras	5	6	7 Free Student Legal Aid	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20 1871 Awards	21 Free Student Legal Aid Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) & National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) Rampage Step Show	22
23	24	25 Last day of course withdrawal	26	27	28	29
30	31					
<i>Students – please note that unless otherwise preapproved, residence halls are closed during spring break</i>						<i>Students – check your WCU email for information about when residence halls reopen after spring break</i>





**Stress Busters –
Preparing for Finals**



Consider asking your student:

How are you managing your coursework and preparation for final exams for the year?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

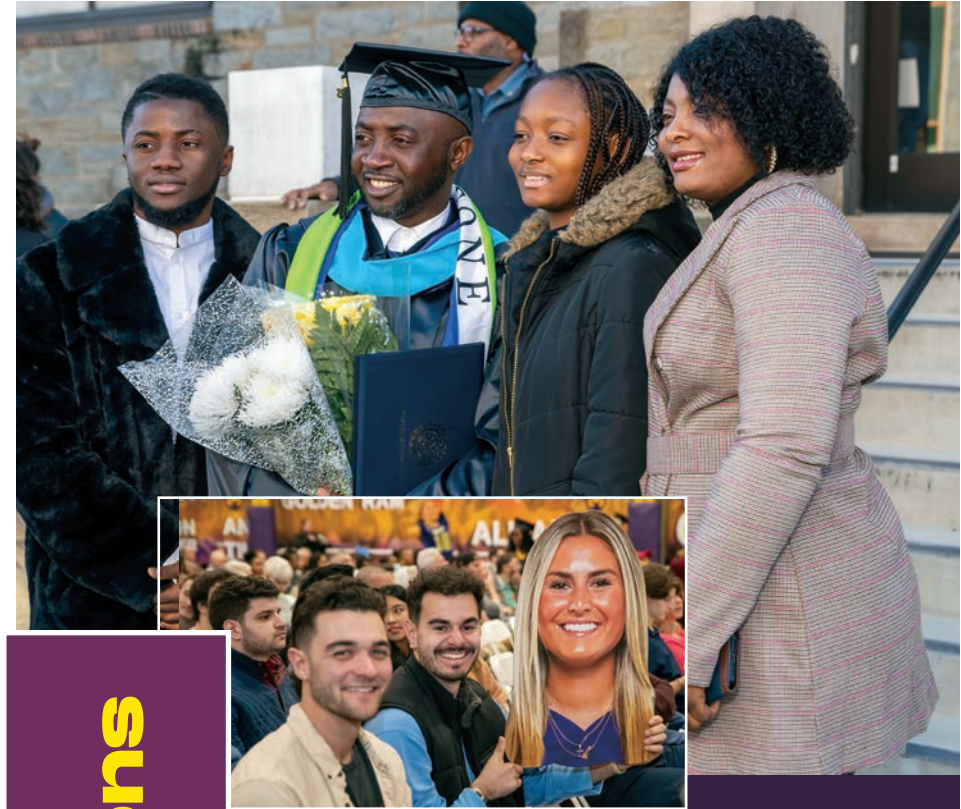
- Use the libraries to study**
- Take advantage of the destressing events listed in RamConnect**
- Consider using the WCU Writing Center or LARC**

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Free Student Legal Aid	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Banana Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Student Leadership Awards	25 Free Student Legal Aid	26
27	28	29 WCU Dining Services – Late Night Breakfast	30			

Students – be sure to check your WCU email for information about selecting a move out time slot





celebrations

Consider asking your student:

What are your summer plans?

Potential Resources for your student to consider:

Handshake – jobs and internship opportunities

For students living on campus – consult communications about move out timeslots and what needs to be done before you leave

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Ramboree	3
4	5 Last day of the semester	6 Final exams	7 Final exams	8 Final exams	9 Final exams Commencement	10 Final exams Commencement
11 Commencement	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					





JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		





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