

## PARENT POWER

Spring 2011

**PARENT POWER** is an easy-to-read bulletin designed to keep you informed about important dates, deadlines, and discussions you should be having with your college freshman to help promote his/her academic and personal success. You will receive one more issue of this bulletin at the end of the Spring term. Any thoughts, ideas, feedback would be greatly appreciated and can be emailed to Amena Oliver Anderson, Editor/Retention Specialist, at [aaanderson@westliberty.edu](mailto:aaanderson@westliberty.edu).

*Please Note...*

### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES...

- **January 17, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, NO Classes**
- **January 21, last day to enroll or add classes**
- **March 1, Priority Deadline for the 2011-2012 FAFSA**  
FYI: The FAFSA may be completed online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). You will need your 2010 financial information for the student and parent(s) to complete the FAFSA. **If you have not filed your 2010 Taxes by March 1, you will be required to provide an estimate of your income.** If your family has experienced any special circumstance, i.e. loss of employment, or if you have questions about completing the FAFSA, **contact the WLU Financial Aid Office at 304.336.8016.**
- **March 4, Midterms**  
FYI: WLU faculty issue midterm grades to students who have a D or lower in a class. Issuance of a midterm grade is an indication that your child is struggling and may need to consider dropping a class or brushing up on study habits.
- **March 7-11, Spring Break Begins, (Residence Halls Close @7pm, on March 4, reopen @1pm, March 13)**
- **March 18, last day to add 2<sup>nd</sup> half classes**
- **March 28-April, Pre-registration for summer and fall terms.** Encourage your student to pre-register to ensure enrollment in desired courses.
- **April 6, Freshmen Room Sign-ups** for more info call housing at 304.336.8568
- **April 1, Last Day to Withdraw from a Class without Failing!!!** (GPA not effected)  
FYI: If your child fails to drop a class by this date, he/she will receive whatever grade he/she has earned in the class.
- **April 2, Spring Holiday (No Classes)**
- **April 5-16, Pre-Registration Begins for Summer Sessions and Fall 2011**  
FYI: Summer I (May 9-27), Summer II (May 31-June 17), Summer III (June 20-July 8)
- **April 29, Last Day to Drop a Class** (Grade earned reflected in GPA)
- **May 2-6, Final Exams**  
FYI: Students in residence halls should be moved out of their rooms 24 hrs after their final exams or no later than 7pm, May 6.

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The key to effectively parenting your college student is maintaining open lines of communication. Since you have a vested interest in your child's success, do not hesitate to ask pointed questions about their academic and personal progress at West Liberty. **DELIBERATE DIALOGUES** are recommended discussions you should initiate with your college freshman during this spring term.

Please Consider...



## DELIBERATE DIALOGUES *about...*

- ⇔ **Declaring a Major!** Freshmen who have not figured out what they'd like to major in by the end of the Spring semester risk not graduating on schedule. Encourage your child to **make an appointment with Career Services** in the Center for Student Success. phone 304.336.8018, or email: [bdawson@westliberty.edu](mailto:bdawson@westliberty.edu) to discuss possible majors or to take a Career Inventory Assessment.
- ⇔ **Seeking Tutoring Assistance!** Inquire about your child's progress in his/her classes. Suggest that they seek tutoring for any classes in which they may be struggling. Receipt of a midterm grade is a good indicator that he/she needs tutoring. However, it isn't necessary to wait until a midterm grade has been issued. Peer tutoring is available in the Center for Student Success phone 304.336.8216, or email: [kaulick@westliberty.edu](mailto:kaulick@westliberty.edu). **FYI: Students with Diagnosed Learning/Physical Disabilities should use the same contact information for details about programs and services available to them.**
- ⇔ **Mental/Physical Well-Being!** Personal problems may arise that interfere with a student's adjustment and ability to fully benefit from the college experience. Following are signs you might notice and are reasons for concern:
  - Feelings of hopelessness/worthlessness/guilt/depressed mood
  - Withdrawal from family, friends, interests
  - Frequently tired/exhausted, difficulty focusing/making decisions
  - Restless, irritable, agitated or angry, enraged, vengeful
  - Reckless, unsafe, impulsive behaviors
  - Persistent physical symptoms (headaches, digestion, and chronic pain)If your child exhibits any of these signs, encourage him/her to visit the Center for Student Success Counselor, phone 304.336.8215, email: [lwitzberger@westliberty.edu](mailto:lwitzberger@westliberty.edu).

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