



**May 2021**

### Spring Commencement

This past weekend, West Liberty University conferred 443 degrees across four live graduation ceremonies. Each ceremony shared a pre-recorded speech given by West Virginia Senator, Ryan Weld as well as a message from President Evans. President Evans’s speech focused on taking pride in earning a college degree, looking toward the future, and making a difference. Each ceremony also came with it’s own in-person student speaker. A high honor for those students and having an in-person ceremony again being a great way to cap off this momentous achievement for all of the Spring 2021 class. Another overarching message during all of these ceremonies was the value of the WLU family. It was a proud moment for all students, family, and faculty involved.

Recordings for each commencement will eventually find their way on to Topper Station. The ceremony on June 11th for Physician Assistant graduates is still something to look forward to.

### Summer Courses & Fall Registration

West Liberty’s Preregistration period closed at the end of April. What this means for your student is it might take a little more planning to find the classes they need. Whether that be General Education courses or courses specific to their major. If they need assistance with this students are encouraged to reach out to their advisors.

As for Summer, Summer is split into three terms. During which students can take a wide range of courses. Courses they also would sign up for in this past Preregistration period. Dates for the Summer Term can be found in the [Academic Calendar 2020-2021](#).

### Staff and Faculty of the Year

This semester the Student Government Association collected student nominations and votes for the top professors and faculty members of the 2020-2021 academic year. The results were recently announced. The awardees consist of Dr. Aaron Harper, Dr. Joseph Horzempa, Michael Blackwell, Dr. Jason Metz, Moonjang Kang, & Kate Billings. An article with further details and brief bios can be found [here](#).

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 academic and personal success

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### Important Dates:

**May 1-7:** Final Exams

**May 7:** Graduate Commencement

**May 8:** Undergraduate Commencement

**May 10:** Start of Summer Term I

- 8 weeks: May 10-July 2
- 6 weeks: May 10-June 18
- 4 weeks: May 10-June 4
- [Academic Calendar 2021-2022](#)



## New Student Orientation

New Student Orientations has a wide range of dates this summer. Freshman enrolling for Fall 2021 can choose in-person or virtual this summer. Your student will be prompted to pick a date and complete a class survey. Both of which should correspond with the college of their intended major. If your student doesn't know what college their major falls under that information can be found in the [West Liberty University Department Directory](#). More in-depth information regarding Summer Orientation can be found at the [WLU Admissions](#) page.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

Something to be aware of, especially after the final exams is WLU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. This is important because students need to meet SAP requirements to be eligible for Financial Aid. The requirements to be met are:

- GPA- 0-29 credit hours earned (1.6 GPA), 30-59 credit hours earned (1.8 GPA), 60+ credit hours earned (2.0 GPA)
- Complete 70% of credit hours attempted.
- Complete degree within 150% time frame
- [SAP Policy Info](#)
- Contact [Financial Aid](#) with any questions,

## Finals Week Events

- Legos, Board Games, Playdoh, and coloring pages 11-7 every day in The Union
- Stress Balls- May 3, 12:00 pm
- Essential Oils Roller Ball Kits- May 4, 12:00
- Late night Coffee & Donuts- May 4, 10:00 pm
- Movie Night- May 5, 9:00 pm



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