Dear Wentworth Families,

We hope you have enjoyed the summer so far and found some time to relax. As we pass the halfway point in our summer semester, please see below for updates, information about campus resources, and opportunities to connect with Wentworth.

For additional family resources and information, please visit our family resources webpage, which will be periodically updated with key information.

A Note From the Dean

Dear Wentworth Families,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all enjoying the summer months. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the summer semester. My summer has included a new puppy in the house. In late June, my husband and I surprised our boys with an 8-month husky/lab who we named Whiskey. He has settled in quite nicely and our 3-year-old dog Parker has adjusted well to his new friend.

Fall planning has begun as staff prepare for the return of our students and welcome our incoming class. And a few weeks ago, members of the community gathered on the Parker Street lot for a groundbreaking ceremony as work begins on our new athletics fields. We are all looking forward to seeing the work at 600 Parker Street that will create so many opportunities for varsity athletes, club sports, intramurals, and recreation.

The Office of Housing and Residential Education worked closely with the Facilities team to make some aesthetic and functional updates to Evans Way/Tudbury and Baker Hall. And we will continue this work in other residence halls during the summer moving forward.

And in just a few weeks, we will be welcoming our new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, Sophia Maggelakis. Dr. Maggelakis will be joining us from Rochester Institute of Technology where she served as the Dean of the College of Science since 2010. As an institution focused on hands-on, future-focused, and career-ready learning, Dr. Maggelakis comes to us with great experience and knowledge.

As the Fall approaches, your students will begin to receive more communication with us about residential move-in, COVID response, and other important information about the start of the academic year. Please remind them to check their Wentworth email on a regular basis, as that is our primary way to communicate with students. We do not want them to miss any important dates of information that can assist them in a smooth start to the semester.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. I can be reached at dpa@wit.edu or 617.989.4486.

Best

Jenn Kosses, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

Updates and Reminders

COVID Vaccine Booster: Please remember that all current Wentworth students should have submitted their COVID-19 vaccine booster shot documentation to their CastleBranch account. If students have not done so already, please submit this required document by August 1, 2022.

Fall E-Bill: The fall bill due date of August 1st is rapidly approaching! If you have not done so already, please log into the E-Bill with your student and make sure their balance is covered by making a payment, applying for a loan, or by setting up a payment plan. The 3-month payment plan runs from August through October and is open until July 25th. Please visit our website for information about payment methods, health insurance, and Tuition Insurance offered through GradGuard.
**Athletics Medical Paperwork:** Pre-Participation Medical Paperwork for athletes is due by August 1st.

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**Updates From the Division of Equity and Inclusion**

**New Staff:** The Center of Cultural and Global Engagement welcomes Sarah Sculley as the new Director of International Student Services and Kathleen Portillo as the new Director of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives and Engagement. Sarah and Kathleen started in their new roles in June and look forward to serving as a resources to our community.

**Becoming Ceremony:** The Becoming Ceremony will be held on August 20 from 12-2pm. First known as the Women at WIT Ceremony, this graduation ceremony originated was developed by the Women’s Council to provide a space to celebrate women during graduation. This will be the third year that the Becoming Ceremony has been celebrated.

**Umoja Ceremony:** Umoja, the Swahili word for unity, serves as the graduation ceremony for students of color. Now in its fourth year, this event involves students asking a ‘person of significance’ to robe them a cultural stole during the ceremony. Umoja will be held from 6-8pm on August 20.

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**News and Events**

**Senior Design Showcase:** The School of Engineering’s Senior Design Showcase will be held on August 9th in Tansey from 3:00-6:00pm. Please stop by to see the incredible capstone projects that our Senior Engineering students have created!

**Commencement:** Commencement ceremonies will be held on Sunday, August 21.
Please visit the commencement website for details about the day.

**On-Campus Move-In:** Returning students will move in on September 2nd and 3rd. Students will receive their scheduled move-in date and time in early August.

**Family Weekend:** Save the date for Family Weekend 2022! We invite all families to join us on campus October 14-16. More details will be shared early in the Fall semester.

Our next newsletter will be sent out in July. In the meantime, please reach out to us at studentlife@wit.edu or 617-989-4702 with any questions.

Sincerely,
Center for Student Life

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