

Dear Wentworth Families,

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

Greeting Families and Happy New Year!

I hope that you are all having a happy and healthy start to 2023! Although January brings with it cold weather and the start of snow, it also brings a fresh start and 12 months of opportunity. I hope that over the winter break, you were able to reconnect with your students and learn more about their fall on semester, whether it was in classes or on co-op. Over my 10 years at Wentworth, I have learned one thing to be true, and that is how quickly the spring semester can go by. With long weekends, spring break, and hours spent on final projects, it can often feel like April is here before we know it. The pace can be fast and exhausting so my best advice to students is to find moments to pause; spend a little extra time sitting down for lunch, take that walk to grab coffee, or step away from your laptop to go talk to a friend. It is often in those moments of pausing that we are re-energized to get back on task. A great way to take a break is to attend one of the many programs on campus. Students are encouraged to visit [Leopard Spot](#), our portal for involvement and engagement on campus. The site is being updated regularly with athletic events, club and organization events, and campus wide programs.



I also wanted to use this newsletter to ask you all for a favor. On February 1, Wentworth will be launching the Student Satisfaction Inventory. This is a national survey that helps us understand how satisfied and how important different aspects of the Wentworth experience are to our students. Past surveys led to a new advising system that has resulted in greater retention of our students. Remind your student to find the email inviting them to take the survey and share their feedback with us. We know that the best way to understand how to improve the Wentworth experience is to learn from our students – their feedback is so important.

In closing, I want to remind you that if you ever need support for your student and are not sure where to go, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached at dos@wit.edu.

My best,
Dr. Jenn Kosses
Dean of Students

Upcoming Important Dates

February 22: Midterm grades available on LeopardWeb
March 4-12: Spring break
April 4: Last date to withdraw from a class
April 13-19: Final exams
April 22: Spring commencement

Accelerate Spotlight



Accelerate, Wentworth's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, has a variety of ways for students to explore their passions and business ideas. Check out the [Accelerate webpage](#) to learn more about the resources offered by the Accelerate team.

Student Entrepreneurship Competition: Accelerate is hosting a brand-new student entrepreneurship competition on Wentworth's alumni day! Does your student want a chance to pitch their business to a live audience of Wentworth alumni, while competing for up to \$1,500? Student entrepreneurs who have validated their business ideas and/or launched their businesses, are encouraged to apply!

Summer Co-Ops: Accelerate is offering six sophomores the chance to work on their businesses full time during their optional co-op experience in summer 2023. Students get \$7,000 in wages, up to \$2,500 for materials and supplies, room and board, and a startup advisor.

Intellectual Property: Who owns Intellectual Property (IP) at Wentworth? Accelerate is hosting a conversation to bust some myths about what Wentworth does and does not own when it comes to what students are creating on campus. Hear from Lynn McCormick (General Counsel), Brian Burns (Director of Compliance and Risk Management), and an IP attorney from K&L Gates to learn more about Wentworth's Intellectual Property policy and ask any questions you may have about whether it impacts you!

News and Events

Pre-College Programs: The Office of Pre-college Programs is happy to share that our application is open for Wentworth's pre-college program, ImpactLab. ImpactLab is an innovative two-week residential summer experience for rising juniors and seniors in high school. This hands-on immersive learning program will give students a chance to explore their passions in science, engineering, design, and business.

Spring Semester Athletics: Winter sports seasons are in full swing, and with a newly refreshed varsity weight room and women's locker room, our spring athletes will be out on the fields and courts soon! Come by campus or find an away game in your area to cheer on the Leopards!



Resources and Reminders

OneWIT Training: The Center for Wellness is committed to increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and connecting students with resources. OneWIT is our 6-week training program where we cover the fundamentals of mental health support, and equip students with the skills they need in to be academically and socially successful. We have trained over 200 students and we are thrilled to offer this program in person for the Spring semester! OneWIT consists of 6 interactive 1-hour training sessions and participants are expected to commit to attending all 6 sessions.

International Student Tax Support: The 2022 tax filing season is coming up. For international students, in addition to the Sprintax resource provided by Colleges of the Fenway for nonresident tax filers, Wentworth is hosting an international tax specialist to share helpful filing information for those who are no longer eligible for Sprintax as a resident for tax purposes. Please encourage your students to monitor their emails for information on all of the resources and organize their tax documents by early February to maximize the value of these offerings.

Housing Reminders: First year students who currently live on campus are required to live with us their second year. We have had a great year so far and look forward to welcoming this group back to campus next year! Fall 2023 Housing Selection information will be shared later in February.

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

Sincerely,
Center for Student Life
