

Wentworth Family Newsletter: 2023 Family Survey

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Dear Wentworth Families,

Welcome to the March 2023 edition of our Family Newsletter. This newsletter features the launch of our Family Survey, a note from our Vice President of Student Affairs, information about the upcoming Co-Op and Career Fair, and much more!

For additional family resources and information, please visit our [family resources webpage](#), which is periodically updated with new information and opportunities.

Family Survey

As we seek to improve the experience of Wentworth families, we ask that you provide your feedback through our [family survey](#). The information gathered through this survey will help us make information more easily accessible to families, improve our channels of communication, and offer programs that help you feel better connected to Wentworth and your student.

The survey is anonymous and confidential; responses will not be connected to your student. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, and everyone who submits it will receive a 20% discount code for a purchase from the Wentworth bookstore.

[Click here to complete the Family Survey!](#)

A Note From Our Vice President

Dear Wentworth Parents and Families,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Courtney McKenna, and I am privileged to serve as Vice President, Student Affairs at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Just over a year ago, President Thompson asked me to step into the role in an interim capacity. However, working with the dedicated staff in the Division of Student Affairs and getting to know the impressive students here at Wentworth has made my decision to remain in the position permanently an easy one.



I come to this role with nearly twenty years of experience in higher education and Student Affairs and a deep appreciation for the role that families play in the lives of their students. This is why I am excited about the intentional focus on parent and family engagement under the leadership of Brian Quigley. At Wentworth, we recognize parents and families as key partners in the college experience. We understand that you provide crucial support, guidance, care, and sometimes tough love to your students as they navigate their educational journey. We also know that this is a journey that you are navigating too – that you are joining the Wentworth community alongside your student.

While staff and faculty interact with and support your student far more frequently, we want to grow our relationship with you too! Therefore, moving forward, we will be reaching out more often to seek your input, solicit suggestions, and provide additional opportunities for engagement. For instance, the survey featured in today's newsletter will help us better understand your experience and effectively prioritize the next steps in our parent and family outreach and programming. It will also allow you to opt-in to participate in additional feedback opportunities, such as focus groups and interviews, where we can dig a little deeper into survey feedback and themes.

Thank you in advance for your time, thoughts, and trust – we couldn't (*and wouldn't want to*) do this without you. I look forward to seeing you next time you're on campus.

Yours in student success,
Courtney L. McKenna
Vice President, Student Affairs

Resources and Reminders

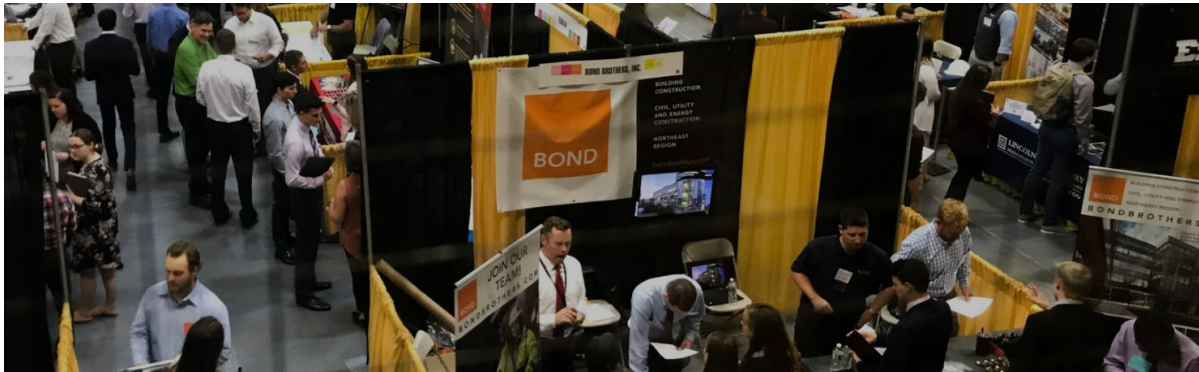
[Housing Agreements](#): Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Housing Agreements/Down-Payments are now being accepted and are due Monday, March 20th by 11:59pm EST. Interested students should submit their \$500 housing down-payment and housing agreement on their myHousing portal (thd.wit.edu). As a reminder, current first-year students are required to live on campus their second year.

[Success Studio Advising Appointments](#): Student Success Advisors work with students on their academic plans to ensure completion of graduation requirements, as well as develop overall success strategies. Now is a great time for students to meet with their Success Advisor and review their schedule. Fall 2023 registration begins on March 20th and Student Success Advisors will provide students with their PIN that is required for registration access.

[Student Support and Advocacy](#): Support Specialists are non-clinical case managers who serve as both support and advocates for students. Jesse Correia (he/him) and Kayla Schneider (she/her) are the two Student Support Specialists on campus. They exist to help students navigate through challenges and get connected to the correct offices on campus for their unique situations.

[FAFSA](#): Time to apply for Financial Aid with the 2023-2024 FAFSA! This application is for the academic year beginning Fall 2023. Apply Now!

News and Events



[Co-Op & Career Fair](#): The Co-op & Career Fair will be held Wednesday, March 29, from 2:30 – 5:30pm in Tansey Gym (originally scheduled for March 14 but postponed due to forecasted severe storm). This event is ideal for students seeking a Summer or Fall 2023 Co-op as well as soon-to-be graduates and recent alumni seeking full-time positions.

Women's History Month: The Center for Diversity and Global Engagement at WIT is excited to celebrate Women's History Month. Our goals are to create an environment on Wentworth's campus that promotes consciousness around the intersectionality and complexities within the identity of "woman". Also, to sustain a brave space for all women to connect, share, and build community. We invite families to engage with us!

Library Gallery Exhibit: Waste Not, Want Not is on exhibit at Guarracino Gallery in the Douglas D. Schumann Library from March 10 until April 17. This exhibit showcases research by ENGL 2200 students, who measured the amount of food waste created on campus and researched solutions to the issue of food waste, including shifting personal habits and working with the greater Boston community.

[Tech for Change Civic Hackathon](#): In February, Jesselle Yeomans, a first-year student majoring in Computer Science and Society, took part in Boston University's Tech for Change Civic Hackathon with students from all over the country. Her team, "the STEMInists," won first place in the education category.

[New Women's Volleyball Coach](#): Nick Baldecchi joins Wentworth as our new Head Women's Volleyball Coach and Assistant Men's Volleyball Coach. Nick joins Wentworth's successful volleyball program with years of experience as a coach and player at many levels.

SCDS Labs Grand Opening: The Wentworth School of Computing & Data Science (SCDS) invited alumni to come to campus on Feb 16th to celebrate the new state-of-the-art labs that have opened to offer students hands-on training in Embedded AI, Cybersecurity & Forensics, and High Performance Computing.

Our next newsletter will be sent out in May. In the meantime, please reach out to Brian Quigley, Director of Transitions, Family Engagement, and Graduate Student Life, at quigleyb@wit.edu or 617-989-4163 with any questions.

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