



# **Welcome Families & Friends of the Class of 2027**

**Wentworth**  
Orientation

# Agenda

- **Reinforcing the Student Experience: *Wellbeing and safety resources***
  - Housing & Residential Education, Wentworth Police, the Dean of Students Office, and the Center for Wellness
- **A Shared Journey: *Parents and families as partners***
  - Jenn Kosses, Dean of Students
  - Mary McCormack, Assistant Provost for Student Success
- **FAFSA, and Aid, and Bills, Oh My!: *Pulling back the curtain on student financial services***
  - Student Accounts and Financial Aid

## **Functional areas at reception**

Center for Wellness  
Coops & Careers  
Dining Services  
Financial Aid  
Housing & Residential Education  
Laptop Program  
Registrar  
Student Accounts  
Student Engagement  
Student Support & Advocacy  
Success Studio/Accessibility Services  
Wentworth Police

# Center for Wellness

**Transition to college is generally the first 6-8 weeks of the fall semester:**

- Consider regular check ins by phone
- Support students in connection to campus resources
- Encourage students to get engaged and step out of their comfort zone
- Avoid significant changes at home if possible

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- **Counseling Services:** Including a **24/7 emotional support phone line. 617-989-4390**
- **Health Promotion and Education:** Including Foundational Wellness programming, and Get Inclusive summer modules
- **Fitness and Wellness Programs:** Including Fitness Center, Group Exercise classes, Club Sports, Experiential Wellbeing programs
- **Vaccine Compliance:** Incoming student vaccines due by **August 1st**
- **Carbon Student Health Services:** Full-service health center

# Housing & Residential Education

- Housing & Residential Education is here to support your student outside of the classroom. Our goal is to help your student feel welcome and teach them how to live independently.
- Some of those experiences include engaged conversations, LEAPS (Living Learning Communities), programs/activities

## Important Dates

June 19th: (week of) Roommate Portal opens

June 30th: Housing Agreements are due

July 17th: (week of) Housing Selection occurs

*Please remind your student to check their WIT email regularly*

September 1st and 2nd: Fall Semester Move-in!

*Move-in assignments will be shared via email early August*

# Student Support & Advocacy

## **Located in the Dean of Students Office, our Student Support Specialists/Dean of Students:**

- Serve as a liaison between a student and their challenge; they will inform, advise, and accompany students as an advocate while they navigate their challenge.
- Meet with students and families about their specific concerns to develop an action plan and to determine what resources/services on campus (and sometimes off campus) could be helpful.
- Act as a general resource and referral agent to better guide students and families in navigating Wentworth.

## **Some of the Support Services/Resources we provide:**

- Receiving support with changes in student status such as Absence Notifications, hospitalizations, and taking a Medical Leave of Absence
- Financial Hardship Resources such as the Student Emergency Fund, WITwear, Leopard Food Pantry, and more!
- Student Support Lounge, located in Rubenstein 003, where students are welcome to relax, study, and access snacks/beverages for free

# Campus Police

- Officers are on-duty 24/7 and patrol the entire campus in police cruisers, on police bicycles, or on foot.
- Officers serve as an additional resource for students on 24/7
- Campus Police oversees all card readers, door/panic alarms, blue light emergency phones, camera system
- All Officers are First Responders
- EMT Trained
- Families are encouraged to sign up for RAVE – our emergency notification system - [GetRave.com](http://GetRave.com)
- IDs & Access Control, Parking
- Emergency response coordination
- Safety Escorts services are available 24/7

**Be smart, be aware and always think before you act. Practice personal safety every day!**





# **A Shared Journey: *Parents and families as partners***

# Financial Aid

617-989-5044

[Finaid@wit.edu](mailto:Finaid@wit.edu)

The Financial Aid staff is dedicated to counseling students and families on the different types of financial aid available to them.

We offer guidance on completion of the FAFSA, federal and private student loans, scholarships information, student employment, and financial wellness (debt management, loan consolidation and repayment).



# Federal Loans

Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Federal loans are awarded based on the FAFSA filing

Subsidized loans are need based and do not accrue interest while the student is enrolled

Unsubsidized loans are not need based and accrue interest while student is in school

Borrowed by the student and in the student's name.

The student is required to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Loan Entrance Counseling on [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

The loan(s) must be accepted by student on myWentworth.

Repayment begins after a six-month grace period from when the student graduates, stops attending or is enrolled less than half time.

Cancellation and deferment benefits.

# Federal Loan Amounts

# Federal Parent PLUS Loan

The Federal Parent PLUS Loan is borrowed by the parent on behalf of the student.  
[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

The student must be a dependent undergraduate student.

# Private Loans

Private loans are borrowed by students from a private bank or lender, with a credit worthy cosigner.

Anyone can be a cosigner for a student; it does not need to be a parent.

Each lender offers different interest rates and repayment options. It is important to research private loans to find the one that works best for you.

Interest rates are calculated based upon the cosigner's credit history.

Information about private loans, including online applications for some lenders, is available at [elmselect.com](https://www.elmselect.com)

Complete loan application by July 1st

# Verification

Students selected by the Federal Government to verify supporting documents and FAFSA information.

Students will be directly notified to upload appropriate documents into Student Forms

If FAFSA corrections are needed, a revised aid package will be provided.

# Student Accounts Office

617-989-5043

[Studentaccounts@wit.edu](mailto:Studentaccounts@wit.edu)

The Student Accounts Office oversees all aspects of student accounts. We apply tuition charges, generate the E-Bill, process payments such as 529 payments, sponsorships, Veteran Administrative and third party, manage student health insurance, issue refunds and oversee outside scholarships.

Student Account Counselors help students and families plan how to cover any remaining balance not covered by pending financial aid.

# FERPA

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and applies to all schools that receive funds from the federal government.
- If a parent, guardian, or bill payer, would like to discuss the E-Bill, financial aid or any part of the student record, the student must complete an online FERPA release form authorizing what Wentworth can discuss, and with whom.

# Easy to Locate, Easy One Click Access

## Click the "Student Accounts" tile


### on *myWentworth*!





# E-Bill Semester Detail

<https://wit.myonplanu.com/login>

C. M Registrar - W00175496 

Account Balance ⓘ \$31,239.00  
Less Anticipated Aid ⓘ -\$4,232.00  
Less Balance On Payment Plan \$0.00  
Balance Due \$27,007.00

*You are not on a payment plan for the current term*

**Make Payment**    Enroll in Plan

Term     Calendar Date

From Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

To Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Generate Activity Report

Fall 2023 [Print Term Statement](#)

Date	Description	Amount
05/30/2023	Enrollment Deposit	-\$500.00
05/30/2023	Undergraduate Tuition	\$20,205.00
05/30/2023	Health Insurance	\$2,289.00
05/30/2023	Technology Fee	\$300.00
05/30/2023	Room	\$6,235.00
05/30/2023	Meal Plan	\$2,260.00
Anticipated	President's Merit Scholarship	-\$2,500.00
Anticipated	Fed Direct Sub Stafford Loan	-\$1,732.00

Term Balance: \$26,557.00

- Lists E-Bill activity of charges, payments, *anticipated* credits and pending financial aid funds.
- Third Party, Sponsorship, 529 plan, Veterans benefits, confirmed Outside Scholarship amounts will be displayed if received and processed.
- Click the "Make Payment" to pay the balance in full or click "Enroll in Plan" to enroll in a semester based monthly payment plan.

# Authorized User

- Becoming an Authorized User is a very important step to be informed about your student's E-Bill. The anticipated authorized user can request access to the student's E-Bill, or the student can add the authorized user through the link in their E-Bill portal.
- If a student or parent, guardian or bill payer does not establish an authorized user account and enrolls in a payment plan from the authorized user account, email notifications of any changes to the bill and payment plan may go to the student, who may not pass them along, which can result in surprise charges.
- Directions and more information can be found on our website under "*Payment Plans*".

# Payment Plans

- Wentworth partners with Flywire to offer interest-free semester based monthly payment plans.
- Payment plans allow families to divide the student account balance over several monthly payments per semester.
- We offer four-, three- and two- semester-based payment plan options.
- A \$40 per semester nonrefundable enrollment fee is required at the time of enrollment.
- Payment plan amounts can be established for any amount you choose.
- More information can be found on our website under "*Payment Plans*".

# Outside Scholarships

- Outside scholarship information should be submitted through the Outside Scholarship Reporting Form at least thirty days prior to each semester's due dates (August 1 for the fall semester, December 1 for the spring semester and April 1 for the summer semester.)
- The Outside Scholarship Reporting Form should be completed for each outside scholarship received. Once the outside scholarship information is reviewed and approved by the Student Accounts Office, the anticipated credit will show on the E-Bill for the semester indicated and for the anticipated scholarship amount if the funds will be sent directly to the Student Accounts Office. The anticipated scholarship amount will not be due, but any balance not covered by the anticipated scholarship or other pending financial aid funds is due by each semester's due dates. If scholarship funds are not received by the Student Accounts Office by the time the anticipated credit expires, any balance due on the student account must be paid immediately and risks being assessed holds and late payment fees.
- More information, and the Outside Scholarship Reporting Form, can be found on the Student Accounts Office website under "*Utilizing Other Payment Methods*".

# Sibling Discount

- Wentworth offers a tuition discount for siblings enrolled concurrently in full time degree programs. All siblings must be matriculated and enrolled in a full time Wentworth program each semester of eligibility. The sibling discount is applied as follows:
  - 10% tuition discount per student for the first and second siblings, enrolled concurrently.
  - 20% tuition discount for the third and additional siblings, enrolled concurrently.
- The discount does not apply to and will be removed in the following situations.
  - One of the siblings takes a leave of absence, withdraws or graduates.
- More information and the Sibling Discount Form is located on our website under "*Utilizing Other Payment Methods*".

# Student Health Insurance

- Massachusetts state law requires all students, (undergraduate, graduate and Co-op) who are enrolled as three – quarter time or more credit hours per semester (or registered for Co-op) be covered by the student health insurance plan or a health insurance plan with comparable coverage.
- Coverage begins at the end of August each academic year through the end of August of the following year.
- Students are automatically charged the student health insurance on their student account but can complete an online waiver request by our published deadlines.
- International students must be enrolled in the Wentworth student health insurance plan.
- The health insurance waiver is required to be completed every academic year.

# Tuition Insurance

- Tuition insurance is available through Grad Guard. Contact Grad Guard at 877-794-6603 directly to enroll. Enrollment must be completed prior to the first day of each semester.
- Tuition insurance can protect up to 100% of your family's education investment should a student need to withdraw for a medical reason(s). Most colleges and universities do not provide 100% refund, but Grad Guard Tuition Insurance can protect your investment. Please visit Wentworth's **Proration Policy** on our website under "*Tuition Proration Policy*".
- Tuition Insurance provides reimbursement when a student cannot complete an academic term due to an unforeseen, covered accident, injury or other covered reason. Tuition insurance can cover:
  - Serious Injury or Illness
  - Mental Health Conditions
  - Chronic Illness
- Information can be found on our website under "*Tuition Insurance*".

# Check List

## Accept / Decline Federal Funds

- Accept/ Decline Federal Direct Subsidized/ Unsubsidized Loans & Federal Work Study on *myWentworth/Leopard Web* / "Financial Aid" tab

## Complete



For additional resources, please visit the  
Family Resources website

<https://wit.edu/family>

