

Wentworth Family Newsletter

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Dear Wentworth Families,

Welcome to the July 2023 edition of our Family Newsletter. This newsletter features important upcoming dates, Family Weekend information, helpful reminders, details about student support services, and a note from our Dean of Students.

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

Important Upcoming Dates

August 1: *Fall Semester Bill Due*- Instructions on how to pay the bill are included in the "Resources and Reminders" section below.

August 14-17: *Final Exams* - As students prepare for their final exams, the Success Studio and Center for Wellness resources listed above can provide excellent support.

August 20: *Commencement* - Updates about tickets and logistics will be posted on our [commencement website](#).

September 5 & 6: *Returner Student Move-In* - Students will be assigned a move-in date and time in early August. This will be communicated to them via email.

September 7: *First Day of Class* - The Fall 2023 semester begins!

October 13-15: Family Weekend - Save the Date for this year's Family Weekend.



Family Weekend 2023

We look forward to hosting you on campus October 13-15 for Family Weekend. Registration will open up in September and a schedule will be shared in the September Family Newsletter. For now, please see below to help shape the schedule and plan ahead by reserving a hotel room nearby.

Interest Form: We would love to get your input on what types of programs and topics you'd like to see included in Family Weekend. Please take a minute to complete a [3 question survey](#) to share your thoughts.

Hotel Room Block: To book a discounted room at the Inn Longwood, which is about a 10 minute walk from campus, [click here](#) or call (617) 731-4700 and ask for group code WITF2023.

Updates from the Student Support Specialists

Student Support & Advocacy: The Dean of Students Office acts as a resource, referral agent, and advocate for students and their families. Throughout the year, the Student Support Specialists in the Dean of Students Office are here to listen, support, and help students navigate their best path to success. They are here for you, free of judgment; they serve as a liaison between student and challenge. In the past, they have helped students with such concerns as missing a significant number of classes due to illness or injury, experiencing financial hardships, or difficulties with the transition into college life.

Who Can Help Search Engine: Who Can Help is an online database that students and families can use when they have a question or concern but are unsure of which department they need to go to for support. Simply type in a phrase or key words regarding your inquiry and the site will populate the most relevant departments for you to contact.

CARE Referrals: CARE Referrals are used when somebody wants to share a concern about a student with the goal of getting them connected to the appropriate support services. Examples of concerns can be related to mental health, changes in academic performance, personal hardships etc... It is important to keep in mind that CARE Referrals are not monitored during

non-business hours and therefore should not be used in an emergency.



Resources and Reminders

Fall E-Bill: The Fall 2023 semester bill due date is August 1. Our new E-Bill allows students to easily set parents or bill payers up with Authorized User access so you can view the E-Bill, make payments online, or set up a payment plan. Students can access the E-Bill by clicking on the Student Accounts tile on [MyWentworth](#). Wentworth applies a charge for health insurance to all students' accounts each academic year as required by the state. Students who are covered by an alternate plan that offers comparable coverage are eligible to waive (opt out of) the plan by completing an online health insurance waiver form. Students can apply for a waiver by [clicking here](#). Please visit the [Student Accounts website](#) for more information about payment options, outside scholarships, due dates and more.

Co-Op Search: If your student is scheduled for fall co-op, be sure they are actively working with their dedicated Co-op & Career Advisor now. This is the perfect time for them to be interviewing. They have until September 14 to register.

A Note From the Dean

Greetings, Wentworth families!

I hope that everyone is having a restful and enjoyable summer. While the weather has not been summer-like in Boston, we have enjoyed our Wednesday BBQs on the Quad and Tuesday Food Trucks. Working on a college campus, I am often asked if I have the summer off – the answer is no. At Wentworth, our summers are unique, given that we support our students in classes and on co-op while actively preparing for the upcoming academic year.

This summer, our preparations include a newly designed student leadership program, creating new themed housing in the residence halls, supporting campus updates and renovations, and planning new and innovative programs. We are also using our time this summer to assess the data we received from the Student Satisfaction Survey this past spring. During the spring semester, over 1,000 students shared their level of satisfaction and comments about the student experience. I appreciate the feedback we received, as it is an excellent reminder that we can always find ways to enhance the overall student experience. We understand the responsibility that we must listen and act.



I look forward to working with my colleagues across campus to evaluate the results and develop strategic initiatives to move the university forward.

We also received your feedback through our first family survey. Thanks to Brian Quigley, the Director for Student Transition and Family Engagement, and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness for administering and analyzing the results. We were excited to learn how positive the residential move-in process has been for families. We are committed to a full review of our Family Weekend programming, as we know that this is an area you hope to see improved. Which reminds me, Save the Date for Family Weekend on October 13, 14, and 15! More details will be available on the [Family Weekend website](#) in the coming months.

I hope you and your loved ones can enjoy the remainder of the summer. As always, please never hesitate to reach out if you have questions or want to speak about your student's experience. I can be reached via email at dos@wit.edu or by phone (617.989.4486).

Best,
Jenn Kosses, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

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

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