Dear Wentworth Families,

Welcome to the September 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 and Vice President of Student Affairs.

For additional family resources and information, please visit our family resources webpage, which is periodically updated with new information and opportunities.

**Fall Semester Dates**

**September 26**: *Involvement Fair* - Students can stop by the Involvement Fair to learn about the many ways they can get involved in campus clubs and organizations. A full list of clubs and a calendar of campus events can be found on Leopard Spot.

**October 18**: *Midterm grades available on LeopardWeb* - Check with your student to see if they are satisfied with their grades and encourage them to seek support from the Success Studio and professors if necessary. Individual and group tutoring programs are available for all students.

**November 22-26**: *Thanksgiving Break, no classes* - Check with your student to see how the semester is going academically, socially, and emotionally. If your student may benefit from our free counseling and wellness services, they can schedule an appointment with our Center for Wellness.

**December 11-14**: *Final Exams* - As students prepare for their final exams, the Success Studio and Center for Wellness resources listed above can provide excellent support.
Family Weekend 2023

We look forward to hosting you on campus October 13-15 for Family Weekend! Featured events will include a BBQ and carnival, chances to meet with faculty, staff, and President Thompson, athletic events, on- and off-campus social programs, and more!

Please visit the Family Weekend website to view a full schedule and register by October 6.

A Note From Student Affairs Leadership

Greetings, Families!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Academic Year! We're thrilled to see the campus buzzing with energy and excitement as everyone settles into the new school year. Our ongoing commitment is to partner with you in supporting your students. To this end, we'd like to reintroduce ourselves and highlight key resources that can assist you and your students throughout the academic journey.

Academic Support: The Success Studio
If your student has questions about their major, or is facing academic challenges in a specific course, the Success Studio is an excellent starting point. This suite of offices on the 3rd floor of Beatty Hall offers academic advising, tutoring, and student accessibility services, all geared toward helping students achieve academic success.

**Student Wellbeing: CARE Referrals**

If you have concerns about your student's wellbeing, or perhaps they've shared something troubling about a roommate or classmate, please complete a CARE Referral. These referrals are reviewed during regular business hours by the CARE Team, which then decides on the best outreach plan. Note: CARE referrals are not intended for emergencies. If you encounter a situation that threatens someone's safety, call Public Safety immediately at 617-989-4444.

**Health and Wellness: The Center for Wellness**

Is your student seeking mental health support or interested in managing their physical health as a college student? The Center for Wellness, comprised of Counseling Services, Health Promotion and Education, and Fitness and Wellness Programs, offers comprehensive support aimed at improving your student's overall well-being.

**Engagement Outside the Classroom**

Wentworth aims to provide a well-rounded and enriching college experience for all students. The Center for Student Life, the Center for Diversity and Global Engagement, and Accelerate are among the offices that offer programs and resources. These encourage students to find their community, pursue their interests, and expand their horizons.

**Connect with Us**

For any questions, comments, or concerns, or even to share something that is working particularly well that you’d like to see more of, please email us at DOS@wit.edu. The Dean of Students Office not only oversees emergency financial aid and food security initiatives but also serves as a university-wide resource, referral agent, and advocate for students throughout their time at Wentworth. We're here to support families as you guide your student through their college experience.

Thank you for entrusting us with a part of your student's journey. We hope to see you during Family Weekend!

Sincerely,

Jenn Kosses, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

Courtney McKenna
Vice President for Student Affairs

**Updates and Reminders**

**Fall Co-Op Fair**: The fall semester Co-op Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th from 2:30 – 5:30pm in Tansey Gym. This event is ideal for students seeking a Spring or Summer 2024 Co-op. Up-to-date details about the Fair, including the list of employers attending, can be found on the event page of our website.
**Colleges of the Fenway Dining**: The COF Dining is proud to serve the students of WIT, MassArt and MCPHS. Our meal plans are designed for students’ convenience to be used across all three campuses. Did you know that you can reload your favorite Leopard’s Dining Flex (points) throughout the academic year? Visit [WIT Dining Online](#) to deposit directly into their account and check the balance. To learn more about campus dining, visit our website or follow COF Dining on Facebook and Instagram @EatAtCOF.

**Alumni Relations**: On behalf of the Office of Alumni Relations, welcome back, and welcome to our first-year families, to Wentworth! Over the coming year, we’re excited to offer increased opportunities for your student to engage and connect with members of the Wentworth Alumni Association and the entire alumni community. The community consists of over 38,000 alumni globally who are ready to mentor and partner with students to change the world.

**Fall Semester Refunds**: The Student Accounts Office will be processing fall semester refunds in the next few weeks. Most students expecting a refund will receive it in mid to late October, after all federal, state and institutional aid has disbursed to their accounts. Students should wait for an email from our office before activating their refund accounts. Once they receive an email notifying them there is a refund processing, they should follow the directions to log in and set up direct deposit.

**Submit a letter for your student**: The Center for Student Life is offering to deliver a letter to your student during the week of October 9. Simply write a one-page note with your message. We will place it in an envelope and deliver it to your residential student or notify a commuting student to pick it up from our office. Complete our online form to upload your letter and we will take care of the rest!

Our next newsletter will be sent out in November. 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.

Sincerely,
Center for Student Life

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