CLASS OF 2021
NEW STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

A guidebook to familiarize you with the people and programs that make Washington and Lee such a special place.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
Lexington, Virginia
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Welcome, Class of 2021

Congratulations on your decision to attend Washington and Lee University, and welcome to our community!

This New Student Guidebook (go.wlu.edu/newstudentguidebook) will familiarize you with the people and programs that make W&L such a special place. We have expanded the content because students told us that having more information before arriving on campus would be beneficial, and yet it barely scratches the surface of many topics. An electronic version is available on the FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) website (go.wlu.edu/fye), with convenient links to additional information. Use the guidebook and FYE website to learn about what will soon become your home away from home.

As your Dean for First-Year Experience, I want you to feel welcome and to be aware of the resources and opportunities on campus. If you are unable to find what you need online and are unsure of whom to ask, please begin by contacting me.

Sincerely,

Jason Rodocker
Dean for First-Year Experience
(go.wlu.edu/deanforfye)
GENERALS’ HEADQUARTERS (GHQ)

You are familiar with the Applicant GHQ. You will now have access to the Student GHQ (go.wlu.edu/GHQ), where you will complete many of the tasks required this summer.

W&L EMAIL

University business via email is done only through your W&L email address from now on. Please set up your email and check it regularly (daily if possible), read messages from university employees completely and carefully, and respond to any questions in a professional manner. As you build relationships, you will find more casual communication appropriate, but prompt and well-written responses are important when responding to faculty and staff with whom you do not regularly interact. Watch your W&L email for information about Self Service, the site for registration and matriculation information.

SUMMER DEADLINES

- FY Housing Form (go.wlu.edu/fyhousingform)—due May 31
- Medical Documentation for Special Housing Request (go.wlu.edu/specialhousing)—due May 31
- Faculty Adviser Form—due May 31
- Pre-Orientation Application—open June 5 until June 9
  - Trip-Specific Forms—for participants only—due July 31
- Medical History & Physical Examination Form (go.wlu.edu/medicalhistory)—due July 31
- Health Insurance Information Form (go.wlu.edu/healthinsurance)—due July 31
- Medical Consent Form (go.wlu.edu/medicalconsent)—for minors only—due July 31
- Residence Hall Linens Form (go.wlu.edu/linens)—due July 31
- Baldridge Reading and Study Skills Registration Form (go.wlu.edu/Baldridge)—due July 31
- First-Year Student Credit Transfer Request (go.wlu.edu/FYcredittransfer)—due August 15
- AP or IB Official Transcripts—due August 15
MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We recognize the significance of your role, and we know you will help your student ask questions and make informed decisions. We look forward to partnering with you. Please encourage your student to take ownership of their educational experience and to communicate directly with us. Accordingly, we conduct the majority of first-year student communication by corresponding directly with your student. We appreciate your support by encouraging them to get accustomed to checking W&L email on a regular basis, as email is the primary mode of communication by which the university conducts business with students. We will certainly encourage your student to share information and consult with you often.

If you have questions that are not answered on the FYE website, please have your student contact us for the answer. Allowing them to take the lead and relay answers to you will help them develop independence and understanding that will benefit them now and after graduation. If your student is ever confused about whom to contact or how to proceed, please have them begin by contacting Dean Rodocker.

PARENT ORIENTATION (go.wlu.edu/parentorientation) occurs on August 27 and on September 2, the two main move-in days. The sessions are identical, so there is no need to attend both. Attendance is optional, and you are welcome to attend whichever day is most convenient.

PARENTS & FAMILY WEEKEND (go.wlu.edu/pfw) is Oct. 6–8 (Friday–Sunday). We encourage you to make reservations now, as lodging fills up quickly.

THE PARENT & FAMILY DASHBOARD (go.wlu.edu/parentdashboard) is a good site to bookmark and check periodically as a resource in the months and years to come.

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) (go.wlu.edu/ferpa) governs much of what we can share with parents and guardians.

SOCIAL MEDIA

For university NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS, follow:

_for Twitter:_ @wlunews
_for Facebook:_ /washingtonandlee
_for Tumblr:_ wlunews.tumblr.com

WWW For all W&L social media accounts: myw.lu/wlusocial

For important STUDENT-TO-STUDENT BUZZ, pics and info, follow:

_for Twitter:_ @wlLex
_for Facebook:_ /wlLex
_for Tumblr:_ wllex.tumblr.com

For FIRST-YEAR news and announcements, follow:

_for Twitter:_ @wlufyoc
_for Facebook:_ /wlufyoc

FINANCIAL AID
(go.wlu.edu/financialaid)

With $39 million in undergraduate grants and scholarships, financial aid can help meet the needs of qualified students. A complete financial aid package usually consists of a combination of grant or scholarship, student and/or parent loan and campus work study (go.wlu.edu/studentemployment). The combination of grant, scholarship, loan and work study provides the typical aid recipient with a financial aid package equal to the educational costs of attending W&L.

BUSINESS OFFICE
(go.wlu.edu/businessoffice)

The Business Office prepares monthly bills and processes payments on your account. All of your account information is available on the GENERAL PAYMENTS SYSTEM (GPS) (go.wlu.edu/gps), which students access on WebAdvisor. Initial bills are released on July 15 and are due by August 10.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)
(its.wlu.edu)

Technology resources provided for W&L students include:

- Microsoft Office 365 accounts with lifelong email, calendar, data storage and other tools
- Microsoft Office for Windows and Mac, available through the Microsoft Office 365 account
- Technology support at the ITS Information Desk for software and hardware questions and issues
- Technology checkout at the ITS Information Desk including digital video cameras, tripods, chargers, headsets, etc.
- Wireless Internet connections available throughout campus, including residence halls
- Computer labs and printers available 24/7
- MyVI.wlu.edu provides virtual Windows desktops, including access to course-specific software and network storage, and is available from many types of devices.
- Unlimited file storage on Box; log in at http://box.wlu.edu with your W&L username and password
- Most classrooms equipped with digital projectors and/or flat panels and classroom control systems
- Web conferencing, video conferencing, and digital video recording of class sessions available in multiple classrooms
- Support offered for digital video editing, creating and printing posters, analyzing data, and other IT needs
- Sakai is W&L’s Learning Management System, located at http://sakai.wlu.edu. Many course websites and associated learning materials are available there.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
(go.wlu.edu/residentiallife)

All FYs live on campus in either Graham-Lees Hall or Gaines Hall. Both buildings are similarly sized and bookend Washington Street Park. Graham-Lees has four floors and houses 223 residents in 67 doubles and 89 singles. Gaines has four floors and houses 246 residents in 117 doubles and 12 singles. Both buildings were recently renovated to provide common lounges, laundry facilities, study spaces and air conditioning. FY housing is conveniently located near Elrod Commons and Warner Gymnasium.

Rates for 2017–2018 are $5,600 for doubles and $8,000 for singles.

RESIDENT ADVISERS (RAs)
(go.wlu.edu/ra)

A resident adviser (RA) is a resource to a small group of students on a residence hall floor. RAs are upper-division students who want to help make your first year at W&L an unforgettable experience. The Residential Life staff members are among the best and most approachable student leaders on campus, so you’ll be in good hands while you’re learning the ropes at W&L.
RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

PERSONAL TRASH: You are responsible for taking your personal trash to the dumpsters located just outside of the building. Please do not leave your personal trash in the hall or deposit it in common spaces, such as bathrooms. Housekeepers who work for University Facilities will help you maintain a healthy living environment in the common spaces (bathrooms, lounges, laundry rooms, hallways) by doing routine cleaning. Please respect the housekeepers and your hallmates by picking up after yourself in common spaces.

FURNITURE: Every student has a bed, dresser, desk and desk chair. The furniture must stay in the room. You can use chairs temporarily and appropriately outside the room, but please do not leave them in common areas.

ROOM DECORATIONS: Please use 3M removable tabs and/or masking tape to decorate your room. Examples of good room decorations will be featured online in the near future. Please do not use duct tape, paint, nails, screws or anything else that will require repair. Do not hang anything on a sprinkler head, even temporarily, as this may damage the equipment or cause flooding in your room.

NOISE: Your hall will determine quiet hours early in the year. Please respect the preferences of your roommate and hallmates. Please talk with people politely if they are not respecting your preferences.

SAFETY: Tampering with fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads, exit signs or other safety equipment carries significant penalties.

NO ALCOHOL/DRUGS/KNIVES OR CANDLES

First-year students use W&L’s wireless network to access television channels provided through XFinity On Campus. Don’t bring a cable. For details, see go.wlu.edu/TV.

RESOLVING ROOMMATE CONFLICTS

Do you do something that bothers your roommate? Good roommates are aware of how their actions impact each other and make a sincere effort to adjust their behavior to accommodate reasonable expectations, so both parties can have a good residential experience.

Does your roommate do something that bothers you? Respectfully talk with your roommate. Sharing your preferences and concerns takes courage and tact. Learning to talk with someone with compassion and understanding is a valuable skill to develop. Addressing issues while they are small is much better than letting things fester. Your roommate may be unaware they are doing something that bothers you, and while you are growing increasingly frustrated, they still have no reason to change their behavior. By the time you work up the nerve to say something, you might be too mad to do so in a composed and reasonable tone. While you may feel this is the 100th time because you’ve been anticipating this confrontation in your mind, it is the first time they are hearing of the issue.

Changing rooms is rare, because we strongly encourage roommates to work through their issues, and we have limited flexibility in FY housing. We encourage roommates to discuss expectations and develop a written agreement early in the year. You can modify the agreement as necessary throughout the year. If you are having roommate issues, first try speaking directly with your roommate, make any agreed-upon changes, and see how things go for a while. If the issue continues, have your RA moderate a conversation between you and your roommate and help to hold you both accountable to any agreed-upon changes. If the issue continues, then you and your RA should notify Dean Rodocker so he can moderate a conversation between you and your roommate and decide if a room change is necessary.

APPLYING FOR HOUSING

THE HOUSING FORM (go.wlu.edu/fyhousingform) you fill out includes your HOUSING CONTRACT (go.wlu.edu/fyhousingcontract) and the questions that help determine your housing assignment. Fill the form out yourself and be completely honest to ensure the best assignment. Key questions include:

Do you want a roommate? Nearly 80 percent of FYs live in doubles. Use Admitted Students Day and other opportunities to identify someone with whom you would be a good roommate. More than just liking the individual as a friend, you should discuss compatibility in terms of sleeping habits and whether you prefer a quiet room for studying or a noisy room for socializing. If you request each other by name on your housing form, you will likely be roomed together.

Do you want co-ed housing? Co-ed housing means you will be on a hall with men and women as hallmates assigned to the same RA, as opposed to a hall of all men or all women. Roommates will always be of the same gender, and none of the bathrooms are co-ed.
Do you want substance-free (sub-free) housing?
Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted in FY residence halls at any time, but sub-free housing goes a step further. Selecting sub-free housing indicates you will abstain from using alcohol and other drugs at all times, and that you wish to live with other students who will do the same.

REGISTRATION

The Office of the UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR (go.wlu.edu/registrar) oversees student registration and records, so the staff “gets students and faculty together and reports on the results.” AP, IB, transfer credit, course offerings, academic requirements and policies, transcripts, enrollment verifications, grading and graduation all start with this office.

During June, you will hear from the registrar about how to prepare for Fall registration. Watch for email announcements of how to plan using your AP, IB and language-placement results. In the meantime, begin reviewing the W&L WEB CATALOG (catalog.wlu.edu) and the CURRICULAR ADVICE (go.wlu.edu/curricular-advice). Be sure to consider FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS (go.wlu.edu/fyseminars).

Though some schools do registration during the summer or online before you arrive, we intentionally place registration at the end of Orientation Week (OWeek) to allow FYs to meet with their initial faculty advisers in person before registering for classes.

The University Store works to have all books available. For students who can save money by ordering books elsewhere, professors are aware that you do not know your classes far in advance, and are lenient when possible if you do not have the book right away.

INITIAL FACULTY ADVISERS (go.wlu.edu/academicadvising)

We will use the faculty adviser form that you are required to fill out by May 31 to match you with an initial faculty adviser. We make every effort to match students with professors in their area of interest. However, all initial faculty advisers, regardless of their academic department, are trained as generalists to explain Foundation and Distribution Requirements (FDRs) (go.wlu.edu/fdr), help you finalize your schedules, and support you as you explore a major. You are not required to choose a major until the winter of your sophomore year. When you do, you will switch from your initial faculty adviser to an adviser within your major.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities during OWeek to develop a relationship with your initial faculty adviser. They are eager to know you and help you, but they expect you to take control of your educational experience by attempting to work through things on your own first and contacting them with questions or to set up meetings. Keep your adviser informed of your progress throughout the year and seek his or her advice on academic matters. You are welcome and encouraged to also speak with other faculty to learn more about classes outside your adviser’s area of expertise. Be proactive in contacting and interacting with faculty in a professional manner.
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
(go.wlu.edu/healthcenter)

The Student Health Center (SHC), located on the lower floor of Davis Hall, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week during Fall, Winter and Spring academic terms. A team of registered nurses, a physician and a physician assistant provide outpatient appointments and walk-in care for illness, injury, preventive health or health maintenance needs, as well as overnight care of non-critical illnesses and injuries in a seven bed infirmary. Some prescription medications and medical supplies are available at the SHC to treat common conditions, for a nominal fee to cover costs. Emergency medical situations beyond the scope of care at the SHC are evaluated and treated at Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital, just one mile from campus. The Student Health Fee charged by the university assures access to campus health services for all full-time students, and also serves to pre-pay the co-payment and/or deductible amounts that insurance plans typically require at the time of a visit. The SHC bills student insurance plans for health-care services provided, and will accept the payment made by health insurance companies for office visits and other covered services as payment in full.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE
(go.wlu.edu/studenthealthinsurance)

Good health is essential to your academic success. Therefore, W&L requires all full-time students to carry health insurance. This coverage may be in the form of an individual policy already in effect, inclusion in a family policy, or enrollment in a student health insurance plan offered through the university. All international students must enroll in the student health insurance plan offered through the university to ensure adequate coverage in the U.S. that meets Affordable Care Act mandates. In addition to the Health Insurance Information Form to be submitted by all new students, you will receive an email each summer requesting that you complete an online health insurance enrollment/waiver form documenting such coverage.

ALCOHOL EDU AND HAVEN

Beginning in early August, you will be asked to complete online trainings called Alcohol EDU and Haven. Issues involving alcohol and sexual misconduct are present on most college campuses and impact far more than the individuals directly involved. We expect all our students to be active bystanders. You will also receive messages from our Director of Health Promotion about mandatory extended orientation programs that take place throughout your first year. In addition to helping you make well-informed personal choices, our health education programs strive to give you the skills and confidence needed to prevent or respond to high-risk situations and to help your friends.

PEER COUNSELORS (PCs)
(go.wlu.edu/peercounseling)

In addition to your RA, each FY hall is assigned a Peer Counselor (PC). The PC is trained by University Counseling to serve as a confidential student resource for you. Though your PC does not live on your hall, as your RA does, he or she will regularly attend your hall programs and is always available to you.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING
(go.wlu.edu/counseling)

Counseling is available to all students from various campus resources for a variety of social, academic or emotional problems. We encourage FYs to seek assistance from Dean Rodocker, other staff of the Office of the Dean of Students, the academic deans, a faculty adviser, the University Registrar, and/or staff in the Student Health Center or counselors in University Counseling. Counseling is useful for a broad range of issues including, but not limited to, relationship difficulties, substance abuse, anxiety or depression, sexuality, academic achievement, grief, and identity or family issues.
MAIL SERVICES
(go.wlu.edu/campusmail)

LETTER MAIL

Since the Lexington Post Office is only a block away from campus, we do not have a university-run mailroom for students. To rent a P.O. box for the school year (something most students do), sign up over the summer using a form from your local post office or online at www.usps.com.

PACKAGES FOR MOVE-IN

Need to mail a large package to meet you at school for move-in day? No problem, just follow these guidelines. Do not send your package before August 18, and make sure that it can be carried by one person, that it weighs less than 50 pounds, and that it’s labeled (with your name, residence hall and room number) on every side. Here’s how to address it:

Your Name  
c/o Campus Mail Services  
Residence Hall and Room Number  
Washington and Lee University  
204 W. Washington Street  
Lexington, VA 24450-2116

PACKAGES DURING THE YEAR

While the post office handles all of your letter mail, the University’s Mail Services handles any packages you might receive during the school year. If your parents want to send you a care package or you’ve done some online shopping, have the package addressed like the example below. You’ll get an email from Mail Services when you need to pick something up.

Your Name  
Residence Hall and Room Number  
Washington and Lee University  
204 W. Washington Street  
Lexington, VA 24450-2116

DINING SERVICES
(go.wlu.edu/diningservices)

FY’s are enrolled in an all-you-care-to-eat meal plan called Continuous Dining. You are allowed unlimited entries into the Marketplace at Elrod Commons so you can get a full meal or just a snack in between classes. There’s also a wide variety of choices, including an extensive salad bar, made-to-order deli, oven station featuring great hand-tossed pizza and more, a grille area, a Daily Dish line featuring all the comforts of home and vegan/vegetarian options at every meal. The Continuous Dining meal plan includes $225 of Dining Dollars that you can use for a change of pace in any of our retail locations such as the E Café kosher kitchen, the campus Café 77 diner or the Law School’s Brief Stop coffee and sandwich bar. Recently added Center for Global Learning Tea House and Field Side (Upper Division Housing Community Building #2) further enhance the on-campus restaurant portfolio.

Dining Services is an important part of W&L’s sustainability initiatives, serving locally grown foods including some from our own campus garden! We offer all meal plan holders a reusable to-go container to take meals out. We also use compostable, biodegradable, and recyclable products for carry-out dining at our retail locations. Dining Services donates food to the Campus Kitchen to support their good work. Please see the Dining Service website for daily menus, upcoming special events, and more details about the meal plan.

Also, Washington and Lee Dining Services is happy to accommodate students with special dietary needs. If you have a specific nutrition concern or are allergic to any foods and need help finding appropriate foods, please make an appointment with our executive chef. Students with a specific food allergy or special dietary needs due to a medical condition, and who would like assistance with meeting those needs, please contact the Student Health Center for an appointment at (540) 458-8401.
COPY SERVICES
(go.wlu.edu/copy)

You may have homework and papers that need to be printed or may belong to a club or organization that has a unique printing need. Copy Services offers a full line of custom printing that includes booklets, books, brochures, flyers, newsletters, programs, posters, labels, envelopes, etc. They are located in Early Fielding Building. Phone (540) 458-8448 or email copycenter@wlu.edu. For your convenience, Bizhub copiers are located in several places on campus:

- Gaines Hall and Graham-Lees Hall
- University Commons — Main Floor & 3rd Floor
- Leyburn Library — Multiple Locations
- Early Fielding Building — 2nd Floor
- Hillel — 2nd Floor
- Commerce School — 2nd Floor Reading Room
- Science Building — 3rd Floor Science Library
- Early Field Building — 1st Floor, Copy Center
- Center for Global Learning — 1st Floor

The bizhubs on campus use “Follow Me” technology which means you can send your documents to a print queue and swipe your University Card on any of the many bizhub copiers we have on campus to have your copies printed on your way to a class or university function.

Using “myVi.wlu.edu,” you are also able to staple and/or hole punch while your documents are being printed.

PUBLIC SAFETY
(go.wlu.edu/publicsafety)

You will interact with Public Safety officers regularly and should view them as friends and valuable assistance that is available 24/7. Enter (540) 458-8999 in your cell phone now and do not hesitate to call if you ever need anything on campus. Download the LiveSafe App on your smartphone for additional methods of communication and safety/emergency-related information and resources. Whether directing traffic on move-in day, unlocking doors, escorting injured students to class, or helping to address inappropriate conduct, the Public Safety officers are looking out for your best interest and keeping our community safe. For information about parking visit go.wlu.edu/parking-and-vehicle-registration.

UNIVERSITY CARD
(go.wlu.edu/universitycard)

Your University Card is essential to everyday life on campus, as it is your W&L student ID; access to residence halls and campus buildings; meal card; debit card for general debit and food purchases; and credit card in the University Store, Copy Center and with approved organizations.

SHUTTLE PROGRAM

The university coordinates shuttle service at the beginning and end of most break periods from/to the Roanoke Airport and the East Falls Church Transit Center in Arlington, Virginia — with easy connections to Washington, DC, and Baltimore-area airports. The shuttle schedule and other information is available online at go.wlu.edu/transportation. The shuttles are generally inexpensive and reasonably convenient. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Public Safety Kevin Tierney at ktierney@wlu.edu.
IMPORTANT QUICK CONTACT INFORMATION

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGISTRATION
go.wlu.edu/academicadvising
go.wlu.edu/registrar
go.wlu.edu/catalog
registrar@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8455
(540) 458-8045 (fax)

ADMISSIONS
go.wlu.edu/admissions
admissions@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8710

ATHLETICS
go.wlu.edu/athletics
ervinm@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8670

BUSINESS OFFICE
go.wlu.edu/businessoffice
businessoffice@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8730

CAMPUS MAIL
go.wlu.edu/campusmail
cadkins@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8753

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
go.wlu.edu/careerdevelopment
careers@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8595

DINING SERVICES
go.wlu.edu/diningservices
jcalicchio@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8025

FINANCIAL AID
go.wlu.edu/financialaid
financialaid@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8715

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE AND ORIENTATION
go.wlu.edu/newstudent
go.wlu.edu/oweek
go.wlu.edu/fye
newstudent@wlu.edu
(540) 458-4633

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
go.wlu.edu/ITS
help@wlu.edu
(540) 458-4357

THE LEADING EDGE
go.wlu.edu/theleadingedge
go.wlu.edu/appalachianadventure
go.wlu.edu/volunteerventure
go.wlu.edu/sustainabilityleadership
theleadingedge@wlu.edu
(540) 458-4633

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
go.wlu.edu/residentiallife
housing@wlu.edu
(540) 458-4633

STUDENT COUNSELING
go.wlu.edu/counseling
counseling@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8590

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
go.wlu.edu/healthcenter
studenthealth@wlu.edu
(540) 458-8401

TRANSPORTATION AND VISITOR INFORMATION
go.wlu.edu/transportation
go.wlu.edu/visitors
go.wlu.edu/parents
newstudent@wlu.edu
(540) 458-4633

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RESIDENT ADVISORS (RAs) FOR FIRST-YEARS

Leadership Staff

Ellen Kanzinger ’18
Head RA

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Assistant Head RA
for Graham-Lees

Angel Vela de la Garza Evia ’18
Assistant Head RA
for Gaines

Thomas Agostini ’19
Peer Tutoring Coordinator

Landon Courville ’19
First-Year Experience Coordinator

Adit Ahmed ’19

Emily Bair ’19

Caroline Blackmon ’19

Walker Brand ’18

Jenna Choi ’19

Matt Dodson ’20

Emma Ernst ’20

Donovan Fiore ’20

Elora Fucigna ’19

Erin Fykes ’18

Ben Gee ’18

Danielle Hughson ’18

Joseph Jast ’20

Maren Lundgren ’18

Deepthi Thumuluri ’20

Liz Todd ’19

Amberly Wang ’18

Austin York ’20
COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS (CA’s) FOR UPPER-DIVISION

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Hermione Wang ’18
Assistant Head CA
Woods Creek/Theme Houses
Skyler Zunk ’19
Assistant Head CA
The Village

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Ben Brown ’20
Gus Cross ’19
Audrey Dangler ’18
Taylor Ecleberry ’20
Hannah Falchuk ’18
Ramonah Gibson ’20
Mitch Hornsby ’19
Arianna Jepsen ’19
Bryan Jun ’19
Claudia Kesala ’18
Madeleine Lucas ’19
Jack Miller ’19
Hannah Palmatary ’18
Matt Parker ’18
Matthew Rickert ’18
Tyler Runge ’19
David Salchert ’19
Muskaan Soni ’19
PEER COUNSELORS

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Jiwon Kim '20  
Catherine Latour '20  
Arthur Love '18  
Claire Mackin '20

Rose Maxwell '20  
Gabriella Miggins '19  
Rebecca Morris '18  
Prakriti Panthi '20  
Parker Robertson '20

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ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

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FALL ATHLETES

Most fall athletes arrive on campus before OWeek. Your coaches handle the majority of logistics and communication for your move-in and on-campus experience previous to OWeek.

We realize OWeek is challenging for you to balance with your athletic obligations. You should attend every required Orientation activity. The only reason to miss a required Orientation activity for athletics is a game or travel to or from a game. Required Orientation activities trump practices and meetings. Some activities that are not marked “required” may be required for you (placement testing, financial aid, etc.), so read the OWeek schedule carefully and map out your week. Communicate with your coaches, and they will work with Dean Rodocker to resolve conflicts.

We encourage all students to support their peers and show school spirit by attending athletic events. Be prepared to celebrate by singing the school song, the “Washington and Lee Swing.”

WASHINGTON AND LEE SWING
(words by C.A. Robbins)

Come cheer for Washington and Lee,
We’re going to win another victory!
The White and Blue we will ever wave in triumph
For the university. RAH! RAH! RAH!
Fight to the finish we are with you,
Break through the line on every play;
Rush the ball on down the field
And we will win this game today.
When Washington and Lee’s men fall in line,
We’re going to win again another time;
For W&L I yell, I yell, I yell,
And for the university, I yell, like hell!
And we will fight! fight! fight! for every yard;
Circle the ends and hit that line right hard!
And we will roll those Wahoos on the sod!
Yes, by God! RAH! RAH! RAH! HEY!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
(go.wlu.edu/internationalorientation)

We encourage all international students to participate in this three-day orientation. Coordinated by Hunter Swanson in International Education and facilitated by upper-division students, this is an excellent opportunity to get acclimated to Lexington. We also encourage all international students to go on Leading Edge Pre-Orientation trips, which begin immediately following international orientation.

THE LEADING EDGE PRE-ORIENTATION
(go.wlu.edu/theleadingedge)

The Leading Edge is an exciting beginning to your college experience. Students who participate in one of the tracks—Volunteer Venture, Appalachian Adventure or Sustainability Leadership—remember the week as one of their fondest college memories. These pre-orientation trips led by upper-division students are small and inviting, and you can make new friends in an environment of challenge and support.

The Leading Edge pre-orientation trips take place the week before OWeek. The university subsidizes the program; your cost of $200 will be billed to your student account in August.

The online application period opens June 5 at 11 a.m. EDT and closes June 9 at 4 p.m. EDT. The application will appear on Student GHQ under the First-Year Forms tab while the application period is open. Over half the class applied last summer, so be sure to apply as soon as registration opens! We assign trips to applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.
VOLUNTEER VENTURE (go.wlu.edu/volunteerventure): You spend a week in one of seven cities, becoming a part of the community by living, learning and working with the individuals whose lives are impacted by poverty.

APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE (go.wlu.edu/appalachianadventure): You spend five days hiking on the Appalachian Trail. Whether you’re a beginner or a seasoned outdoor enthusiast, you will have an unforgettable trip.

SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (go.wlu.edu/sustainabilityleadership): Two trip opportunities! On one trip, participants will stay on campus to learn about local initiatives and take day trips to experience regional resources. On the other trip, participants will visit a small, southwest Virginia town to perform service projects.

FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (FYOC) (go.wlu.edu/fyoc)

FYOC is a group of upper-division students dedicated to helping new students feel welcome and get connected at W&L. Over 30 students have leadership roles and have been working since last year to update communications, train over 100 upper-division volunteers, and plan activities for OWeek.

UNIVERSITY BIGS (go.wlu.edu/bigs)

University Bigs are upper-division mentors for FYs, in addition to your RA and PC. You will receive an email this summer asking you to fill out a brief survey that we will use to match you with a Big. Bigs will have approximately five Littles. You should be contacted by your Big during August. He or she will join you for activities during OWeek and throughout Fall Term. Your Big is yet another upper-division student you can go to for advice, and their other Littles are yet another group of classmates with whom you may connect.

MATRICULATION (go.wlu.edu/matriculation)

You will receive notification and instructions when the online matriculation is available for you to complete. We encourage you to complete matriculation online in August prior to your arrival on campus.

MOVING IN (go.wlu.edu/movein)

Please do not arrive unnecessarily early for move-in. You will not be able to access your residence hall before your scheduled move-in for any reason. The scheduled move-in times have volunteers to help carry your belongings, signage directing you where to go, Student Affairs staff distributing keys, and Facilities staff present to troubleshoot. By arriving at the scheduled times on August 27 and September 2, you will have the most convenient and efficient move-in.

ORIENTATION WEEK (OWeek) (go.wlu.edu/oweek)

The complete schedule is available online. We highlight here some key concepts and events to help you better understand what to expect and how to get the most out of OWeek. We strive to make OWeek dynamic and engaging by dividing the class into smaller groups when possible and involving upper-division students.

SATURDAY

Everyone, including fall athletes, pre-orientation participants, and students who are just moving in, is required to go through CHECK-IN (go.wlu.edu/checkin) at Early-Fielding the morning of Saturday, September 2. We provide lunch for you and your family near FY housing. Parent orientation takes place in the afternoon, giving students an opportunity to relax, meet new friends or finish personalizing their room. We also provide dinner for you and your family in Evans Dining Hall. All FYs will have their first hall meeting with their RA that evening. After the hall meeting, FYOC will host a fun activity for the entire Class of 2021.
SUNDAY

Sunday activities begin at noon in Lee Chapel, where you will hear from the president of W&L as well as several student leaders. Student self-governance is an important aspect of W&L. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) (go.wlu.edu/ec) oversees the Honor System, budget allocations to student organizations, and student appointments to several committees. The STUDENT JUDICIAL COUNCIL (SJC) (go.wlu.edu/sjc) addresses most student conduct that falls outside the Honor System. We strongly encourage you to read the STUDENT HANDBOOK (go.wlu.edu/studenthandbook) and familiarize yourself with ALCOHOL LAWS IN VIRGINIA (go.wlu.edu/alcohollaws). The VOTING REGULATIONS BOARD (VRB) (go.wlu.edu/vrb) comprises the students who oversee EC and SJC elections. The HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BOARD (HSMB) (go.wlu.edu/hsmb) is specially trained to handle issues of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or retaliation. A HEALTHY SEXUAL CULTURE COMMITTEE (go.wlu.edu/hsc) helps coordinate the many efforts on campus seeking to eliminate sexual assault by enhancing the understanding of consent as an affirmative yes.

The LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) Program (www.wlulead.com) features multiple tiers that encourage participants through applied learning experiences, such as interactive workshops and service opportunities, to think critically, examine their definition and style of leadership, and reflect on their personal development, community impact, and ability to lead with authenticity.

Sunday afternoon, complete any PLACEMENT TESTING (go.wlu.edu/placementtesting), and participate in a community building activity that begins to explore our global and diverse society on campus. The OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (go.wlu.edu/odi) coordinates education and support for students of all races, religions, socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, sexual preferences, ages and abilities. College is an excellent opportunity to get to know people from different backgrounds and with different perspectives. We strongly encourage you to seek out people you feel are different than you and look for commonalities and complementary characteristics.

On Sunday evening, the Alumni Office sponsors a barbeque with live performances from student music groups. The SPEAKING TRADITION (go.wlu.edu/speakingtradition) is the theme of the event. It is a concept near and dear to many students and
alumni. The Speaking Tradition at W&L fundamentally means that all members of the campus community acknowledge each other as fellow humans, when we say hello as we pass each other on campus or have an intellectual debate in the classroom. You will see “Voices of W&L,” a theatrical performance by upper-division students, based on real-life stories from W&L students, that raises issues you may encounter in college. After the performance, you will participate in a small group discussion facilitated by your RA, your PC and a peer health educator.

Also on Sunday evening, FYOC transforms Elrod Commons into Casino Night, a casual opportunity for you to get to know fellow students. Several upper-division students are at the event, and we encourage all FYs to attend. Some people will stay all night, some people will go out afterward, and some people will simply relax with friends in the residence halls. Focus on being safe, meeting new people, and being well rested for the following day.

**MONDAY**

On Monday, your residence hall will rotate through three different activities: Perspectives, Bystander Intervention Training, and Traveller Tours.

**PERSPECTIVES** (go.wlu.edu/perspectives) is a two-hour tour of multiple venues that are not on the Admissions tour, but are beneficial to your W&L experience. Tour guides keep the brief walks between stops informative, and each stop allows you to sit and learn about a variety of campus resources. In the Warner Center, you will learn about intramurals, sport clubs, fitness classes and Campus Recreation. You will visit the Student Health Center as well as the Counseling Center. At the Global Service House, you will hear about volunteer opportunities, including the Campus Kitchen. International Education will explain the new Center for Global Learning. You will see the Math Center and the Writing Center and hear about the Peer Tutor program. Guides will point out things along the way such as Library Services and Career Development.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT** (go.wlu.edu/careerdevelopment) is conveniently located on the top floor of the Commons, and it’s the place to go for résumé advice, practice interviews, networking tips and career assessments. Through one-on-one career advising and targeted programming, Career Development provides the guidance and resources you’ll need to develop and implement both your academic and career plans. This office encourages individual responsibility, creativity, open-mindedness and integrity when searching for the right job, internship or graduate program.

**BYSTANDER INTERVENTION** (go.wlu.edu/bystander) is a mandatory session led by trained staff and students. It develops the skills and confidence necessary to intervene and prevent bad situations from getting worse.

**TRAVELLER** (go.wlu.edu/traveller) is the university’s safe-ride program. It has dispatch service 24/7 and runs a regular bus route on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m.–2 a.m. The tour is a rare opportunity to ride the bus route during the daylight, to understand how off-campus housing is located near residential neighborhoods, and to hear from the student coordinators about expectations for students who use the service.

On Monday afternoon, anyone with a scholarship, grant, loan or work study is required to attend a Financial Aid meeting. Monday evening features an interactive team trivia competition called ThinkFast, followed by a relaxed evening of games facilitated by FYOC.

**TUESDAY**

Tuesday begins with an introduction to registration by the University Registrar, who explains logistics and offers advice. If you are interested in pre-med, commerce, or engineering, be sure to attend the special sessions before or after your introduction to registration. The class is divided in half for the morning to allow smaller crowds and more time for conversation. Most ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS (go.wlu.edu/departmentsandprograms) will have representatives at the Academic Fair who are eager to meet you and answer your questions.

You will have lunch Tuesday with your initial faculty adviser and their other FY advisees. Advisers will coordinate meeting with each of you one-on-one after your group time and before you pick your first course. All FYs pick just one course on Tuesday in order to
increase the chances of everyone getting a class they need or want and to familiarize you with the Self Service registration system.

Tuesday afternoon, you will meet with your Big for Get Downtown. You will tour several stores, sample various restaurants, and learn about Lexington through informal conversation with your Big and the many local representatives volunteering their time to welcome you.

Tuesday evening, you will have dinner with your Big and their other FY Littles. After dinner, they will lead you to a community discussion facilitated by a faculty member. FYs, Bigs and faculty facilitators will all go from their discussions directly to a Community Carnival, where FYOC will provide a fun atmosphere to continue your conversations or meet new people.

WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday, you will complete the physical education (P.E.) orientation and swim test at an assigned time that does not conflict with your registration. You will be randomly assigned a time to meet individually with your faculty adviser to register for the remainder of your schedule. The registrar and academic deans are available if you need additional help completing your schedule.

Make sure you stop by the Activities Fair on Wednesday afternoon, where more than 100 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (go.wlu.edu/studentorganizations) will have student leaders eager to meet you and explain what they do. Stop by every table and sign up for their contact list if you are even remotely interested. If you don’t see an activity you are seeking, contact Kelsey Goodwin, Director of STUDENT ACTIVITIES (go.wlu.edu/studentactivities), at kgoodwin@wlu.edu, (540) 458-5000, or stop by her office in Commons 249.

Auditions for choir, dance, jazz ensemble and the orchestra occur during the second part of OWeek. Consider optional activities such as a tour of LEYBURN LIBRARY (go.wlu.edu/leyburn) or a tour of the LEE CHAPEL MUSEUM (go.wlu.edu/leechapelmuseum). The Fall Convocation on Wednesday evening commemorates the beginning of the academic year, with special emphasis on new students and students set to graduate. After the convocation is the Honor System orientation in Lee Chapel, where the EC goes over important expectations before the start of classes. Later, FYOC provides campfires and s’mores near FY housing for a low-key evening to reflect on OWeek and prepare for your first day of college classes.

THURSDAY
Even though classes begin Thursday, there is a natural overlap of orientation activities continuing into the weekend. At the law enforcement panel on Thursday evening, you will hear from local officials and student leaders about the many efforts to foster respect between permanent residents and the newest citizens of Rockbridge County—you. FYOC partners with other organizations to provide entertainment on the first weekend after classes start.

W&L PROGRAMS & SPEAKERS
The LENFEST CENTER FOR THE ARTS (go.wlu.edu/lenfest) is an excellent source of culture and entertainment throughout the year that features student presentations of theater, music and dance, as well as professional performances from touring groups.

The SHEPHERD PROGRAM (go.wlu.edu/shepherd) fosters the interdisciplinary study of poverty and human capability. An array of courses and service opportunities allow students from a variety of majors and political perspectives to be immersed in issues and directly involved in service to disadvantaged communities.

The BONNER PROGRAM (go.wlu.edu/bonner) is a unique leadership development program for students with an interest in service and civic engagement. Bonner Scholars commit to 1,800 hours of service and leadership training over their four years in college.

The CAMPUS KITCHEN (go.wlu.edu/ckp), a popular volunteer activity for W&L students, combats hunger and promotes nutrition by recovering and reusing food that would otherwise go to waste into balanced meals for low-income members of the community in Rockbridge County.

The ROGER MUDD CENTER FOR ETHICS (go.wlu.edu/ethics) advances dialogue, teaching, and research about issues of public and professional ethics.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Active Minds
Actuarial Society of Washington and Lee
AdLib
African Society
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Phi Omega
Alpha Theta Omega Christian Sorority, Inc.
American Chemical Society Student Chapter
Arts League
Austen Society
Baptist Campus Ministries
Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society
Books for Africa
Boxing Club
Brazilian Club
Calyx
Campus Closet
Campus Community Coalition
Campus Kitchens Project
Canterbury Club
Catholic Campus Ministries
Chanoyu Tea Society
Cheerleading
Chi Omega
Club Lacrosse
Club Soccer
College Democrats
College Republicans
Common Sense Action
Community Financial Freedom
Contact Committee
Data Science Club
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC.
Engineers Without Borders
eSports
ESOL
Fancy Dress
Feel Good
Film Club
First Book
Francophone Student Organization
Friday Underground
General Admission
General Development Initiative
Generals Activities Board
Generals Christian Fellowship
Generals Interested in Legal Studies
Generals’ Unity
Gentlemen’s League
German Club
Gifted Hands
GRAAC (Generals Raising Awareness of Animal Cruelty)
Habitat for Humanity
Hillel
inGeneral
Interfraternity Council
Interfraternity Council
International Relations Association
Jubilee
Kappa Alpha Order
Kappa Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders (KEWL)
Ladies Club
LIFE
Literacy Campaign
Men’s Volleyball Club
Mindbending Productions
Mock Convention
Mock Trial
Model United Nations
Multicultural Student Association
Muse
Nabors Service League
One in Four
onPoverty.org
PAACE
Paintball Club
Panhellenic Council
Parliamentary Debate Team
Peer Counselors
Pi Kappa Alpha
Political Review
Polo Club
Production Club
Quest Scholars Club
Quiz Bowl
Reformed University Fellowship
Relay for Life
Ring Tum Phi
Rugby Football Club
SABU
SAIL
Salam
Screaming Minks Rugby
SHAG (Sexual Health Awareness Group)
Shakespeare Society
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Skiing Club
Slow Food
Society of Professional Journalists
Southern Comfort
SPEAK
Special Olympics Campus Coalition
Sports Clubs
STAR (Students Teaching Around Rockbridge)
Student Environmental Action League (SEAL)
Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger
Students for St. Jude
Taekwondo Club
Tau Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
The Spectator
The Stone
Student to Students:
Mentoring in Rockbridge County
Traveller
Twenty Four
Venture Club
W&L College Access
W&L Engineers Without Borders
W&L Eventing Club
W&L Internship Opportunity Initiative
W&L Repertory Dance Company
W&L Tennis Club
Washingtones
Williams Investment Society
WLUR
Women in Technology and Science (WITS)
Women’s Golf Club
Young Life
ACADEMIC SUCCESS
(go.wlu.edu/academicsuccess)

Many students are unprepared for the academic rigor of W&L, have never had to study as hard as they will at W&L, and are unaccustomed to managing so much discretionary time. To cope with these circumstances, current students and faculty provide the following advice:

- Get regular sleep. That is vitally important and often overlooked. Having a routine is important to being well rested. If you get irregular sleep (less than six hours of continuous sleep for multiple days in a week), then you need to prioritize rest and mental health to bring things back under control.

- Have a calendar system for important dates and keeping your schedule straight. The UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CALENDAR (go.wlu.edu/academiccalendar) is on the University Registrar’s website. Read your syllabus for each class immediately and add to your calendar any tests, papers or other assignments. Create personal deadlines for beginning projects, completing rough drafts, etc.

- Manage your time wisely. Keep up with daily reading and homework, because it can be difficult to catch up once you fall behind. Study for tests well in advance so you do not need to cram. Being well rested for a test is much better than pulling an all-nighter.

- Never miss class. Be prepared when you show up for class. Be well rested. Do the readings, think about the material, and be prepared to discuss.

- If you need to miss class for a known conflict, like athletics, notify your professor well in advance and ask what you can do, given the necessary absence, to stay caught up or work ahead. If you are too sick to attend class, notify your professor before the start of class and go to the Student Health Center immediately.

- Complete assignments on time. Handing in something is always better than handing in nothing. Do not let perfectionism turn a C into a zero. If your professor is going to accept your work late, she or he would likely prefer instead to allow you to continue improving what you submitted to earn additional points.

- Write multiple drafts of papers. Not only will it improve your grade, but it also improves your learning. Professors are often willing to review multiple drafts even if they are not a required part of the assignment.

Students who may be eligible for ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS (go.wlu.edu/accommodations) should contact Lauren Kozak at kozakl@wlu.edu. Unlike high school, where the school drives the process, you are responsible for requesting and receiving approval for such accommodations.

Every student’s primary source of academic support is the class PROFESSOR. Introduce yourself to your professors outside of class and go to your professor’s office hours regularly. If you have a conflict with their office hours, request a different time to meet.

ACADEMIC HELP CENTERS (go.wlu.edu/academiccenters) provide assistance with several disciplines if meeting with the professor is not sufficient. The Math Center is in Robinson 105 and open Sunday–Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. The Writing Center is on the main floor of Leyburn Library and open Sunday–Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m.

RA leadership coordinates several upper-division students who serve as PEER TUTORS (go.wlu.edu/peertutor). Peer tutors are volunteers with a GPA over 3.3, approved by faculty, and trained to serve as tutors for specific classes and subjects. Over 100 FYs worked with a peer tutor last year. This is a free service; you simply request someone online to begin the matching process.

Between October 24 and November 1, all FYs must meet with their initial faculty adviser to discuss their MIDTERM GRADES and registering for Winter Term classes.
For help with time management, study skills and other executive functions, you may hire learning specialist ANNA CROCKETT (www.executivefunctionmatters.com). She is a local consultant who works with many W&L students in a program called GRIT (Goals Responsibility Initiative Tenacity).

**TIPS FOR FYS**

- If you have questions, look online first. If you are still unsure of what to do or who to talk to, contact the Dean for First-Year Experience, Jason Rodocker, at jrodocker@wlu.edu. Ask questions. We are here to help.

- Contact university personnel yourself when you have questions and concerns. Attempt to resolve situations on your own before your parents contact university personnel. However, do talk to your parents about your experiences, ask their advice, and keep them informed.

- Talk with people and deal with situations directly and calmly. If someone upsets you, explain to them what is bothering you and why, in a manner they should be able and willing to understand.

- Respond promptly and professionally to emails from university personnel. If a meeting is requested for a time you are not available, respond with a suggestion for a time you are available and/or your availability on or near the day the original meeting was requested. E-mails to university personnel should be somewhat formal unless you know the person well.

**OVERCOMING TRANSITIONAL CHALLENGES**

You will likely struggle at some point in the first few weeks, probably with homesickness. You may feel like you are the only person struggling because everyone else seems composed and sure of themselves. Be assured, they too are putting on a brave face while learning to manage their independence and develop self-confidence.

Some FYs will miss what they had in high school with friends they had known for several years. You chose W&L for a reason, and there are many great people and opportunities here. Invest your time and energy in your peers and the campus community to find or create your niche here at W&L. Even if a group of your friends went to the same local college or university back home, they are changing as individuals as well and redefining their friendships with each other. Change is inevitable, and your experience is what you make of it. Focus on the things you can control.

There are many ways to have an authentic W&L experience. Regardless of how you choose to socialize, there is a group of people here that enjoys the same things. Some people will find best friends early; others will need to search a bit more. Step outside your comfort zone to meet new people and try new things.

As a small school, we provide more opportunities for genuine involvement, but that does not mean you will get every position you seek. Many auditions, leadership positions and academic programs are highly competitive. We encourage you to seek them out, but don’t get discouraged easily. Resiliency is a valuable
trait to develop, and persistence is likely to earn you an opportunity as an upper-division student.

If you have questions or concerns about anything, use your resources. We intentionally provide many resources that may seem to overlap to make sure everyone has multiple people they can go to with questions or concerns. You have your RA, your PC, your Big, other student leaders (even if they are not specifically matched with you), university professionals working with student activities and campus recreation, your initial faculty adviser, academic help centers, peer tutors, Anna Crockett, the Health Center, University Counseling, Public Safety and your class dean, who can refer you to even more resources on and off campus.

FALL TERM & EXTENDED ORIENTATION

Several of our students choose to participate in GREEK LIFE (go.wlu.edu/GreekLife). Greek organizations were founded on values of scholarship, leadership, friendship and service. Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) is the student leadership that oversees most fraternities on campus. Panhellenic Council (Panhel) is the student leadership that oversees most sororities on campus. Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the student leadership that oversees historically black Greek organizations on campus.

IFC, Panhel and MGC will have information sessions soon after OWeek and throughout Fall Term for students interested in Greek life. Because Panhellenic sorority recruitment is governed by several rules established by the National Panhellenic Council (NPC), each FY woman interested in Greek life has a Recruitment Guide (Rho Gam), a student leader trained to be a resource and support during sorority recruitment. IFC and Panhel coordinate a deferred formal recruitment that occurs the first week of Winter Term. MGC organizations do an intake on a different schedule. Greek life can be a significant additional expense.

The Director of Health Promotion works with student leaders on trainings during Fall Term that are mandatory for FYs. Your hall will have a scheduled time, which you should attend if possible. However, to provide flexibility, since these trainings occur during the academic year, you are allowed to attend instead any of the trainings for other halls during the week if necessary.

PARTY WITH A PLAN is a mandatory session led by Lifestyle Information for Everyone (LIFE) peer health educators in late September. It focuses on low-risk behaviors.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY is a mandatory session in Lee Chapel, where the EC and Dean of the College discuss plagiarism and the Honor System.

The STUDY ABROAD FAIR takes place in late September and highlights the many opportunities ranging from Spring Term abroad to an entire year studying abroad with an internship.

BALDRIDGE READING & STUDY STRATEGY PROGRAM offers an one-week course from September 18–22 for developing reading speed and comprehension. Over 50 FYs participated last year, and the results are consistently strong. Register and pay the $154 fee at www.baldridgereading.com by July 31.

PARENTS AND FAMILY WEEKEND is October 6–8, 2017. Your parents should make hotel and dining reservations immediately.

TRANSITIONS is a mandatory session led by Peer Counselors in early October that focuses on mental health.

NABORS SERVICE DAY occurs in October. Hundreds of W&L students do a variety of service projects in Rockbridge County on the same day. Bigs use this as an activity to connect with their Littles, and we encourage all FYs to participate.

The ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMIT is a two-day event that occurs each fall. Alumni, students and faculty exchange ideas, share knowledge, and establish valuable connections. A highlight is the PITCH COMPETITION, in which students make business proposals to a panel of alumni investors.
READING DAYS is a two-day break from classes in the middle of Fall Term. Several midterm tests and assignments occur just before or after this break. You may stay in the residence halls, though dining hours are shortened and only your flex dollars are active during breaks. Several optional excursions occur, such as whitewater rafting with the Outing Club or a visit to Washington, D.C. with International Education.

YOUNG ALUMNI WEEKEND (Homecoming) is September 15–17, 2017. Alumni from the past 10 years return to campus. There are several activities for current students.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS is a mandatory session led by SPEAK in late October. Several student organizations work with faculty and administrators to promote a healthy sexual culture at W&L.

YOUNITY is a mandatory session led by upper-division students, both in Greek organizations and independent, that focuses on students making personal decisions that are best for them. It helps you realize that you do not have to sacrifice your individuality if you choose to join a Greek organization. It also helps you realize that you do not need to join a Greek organization to have a good W&L experience. Upper-division students with a variety of personal experiences will share testimonials and offer advice for making good decisions and being good friends to each other regardless of Greek affiliation or independent status.

REVISITING HONOR is a mandatory session led by the EC that focuses on taking exams at W&L. You will enjoy an unprecedented amount of freedom and trust with respect to scheduling your final exams.

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST typically occurs the Monday of finals during Fall Term, from 10 p.m. to midnight. Faculty and administrators work with Dining Services to serve late-night food to students as a study break.

WINTER BREAK refers to the period between Fall Term and Winter Term. You must leave campus within 24 hours of completing your last final. If you need to purchase plane tickets in advance, schedule travel near the end of exam week to ensure you are not rushed academically. Beginning on Saturday, December 17, 2017, all residents, except for some fall athletes, must be out of FY housing. This is the only break during the academic year when the residence halls are closed. Students may return beginning Saturday, January 7, 2018.

WINTER TERM

Formal recruitment for Panhel and IFC Greek organizations is just before and during the first week of classes in Winter Term. You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA from Fall Term to join a Greek organization. Some organizations have individual requirements that are higher. New Member Education is the period of pledgeship between a student accepting a bid to an organization and being initiated into that organization. New Member Education cannot last longer than six weeks and is expected to be healthy and productive.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA (ODK) is a national honor society that began at W&L over 100 years ago and now has nearly 300 active chapters and nearly 300,000 living members. The chosen few inducted each year are recognized in Lee Chapel in January on Founders’ Day; all students are invited and encouraged to attend.
W&L celebrates the legacy of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. with an entire week of activities, including suspending Monday classes. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion coordinates speakers, musical performances, discussions and events for local schoolchildren.

LIP SYNC occurs every year near the end of January. Groups of students perform choreographed routines in an event sponsored by Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger, which raises approximately $9,000 for local food pantries.

WASHINGTON BREAK is a week of no classes in February. Most students leave Lexington for the week, but you may stay in the residence halls, though dining hours are shortened and only your flex dollars are active during breaks. Optional excursions include a sea-kayaking trip to the Florida Everglades with the Outing Club and a variety of service trips.

MOCK CONVENTION (Mock Con) occurs every four years; you will experience it in your junior year. Over 100 years ago, the W&L student body started simulating the presidential convention of the non-incumbent political party. Whether through doing research and political analysis to identify the chosen candidate, or simply by enjoying the parade of nationally recognizable speakers, the entire student body participates in Mock Con.

SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND THE ARTS (SSA) is a day when classes are cancelled so you can present your research and participate in discussions. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate throughout the day. SSA occurs every other year; the next one is in March 2019.

PHI BETA KAPPA is a national academic honor society that began in 1776. The chapter at W&L began in 1911 and inducts new members every March.

LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) Banquet (go.wlu.edu/leadbanquet) celebrates the achievements of students and student organizations in the previous year. LEAD also administers a certification program.

FANCY DRESS (FD) occurs in March. This tradition, which began more than a century ago, gathers the entire student body for an elaborate evening. FD student leadership works for months to construct the theme and decorations that will transform the Warner Gymnasium with live music and dancing.

All FYs should consider applying for FELLOWSHIPS (go.wlu.edu/fellowships). Lesser-known fellowships you receive during your sophomore or junior year are typical stepping stones to a Fulbright or other well-known fellowship. For more information about fellowships, please contact Dean Gwyn Campbell.

PHI ETA SIGMA (go.wlu.edu/pes) is a national first-year honor society. FYs in the top 20 percent of the class after Fall Term are eligible for membership. The induction ceremony takes place in late winter or early spring.

Spring Break occurs after Winter Term and before Spring Term. You may stay in the residence halls, though dining hours are shortened and only your flex dollars are active during breaks. Optional excursions include a trip to the Outer Banks with the Outing Club as well as service trips. Some Spring Term courses with travel components may begin during Spring Break.

SPRING TERM (go.wlu.edu/springterm)

Spring Term is a four-week period at the end of the academic year. You take only one course, which allows for travel components domestic and abroad, unique
curriculum and in-depth focus. Some people refer to our academic calendar as 4-4-1 because students typically have four courses during Fall Term, four courses during Winter Term, and one course in Spring Term.

**SUMMER RESEARCH**

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Even FYs may work closely with a professor to develop skills through summer research. Sometimes the research leads to presenting at conferences.

**SOPHOMORE EXPERIENCE**

Near the end of your first year, you will hear from Megan Hobbs, Dean of Sophomores. There is a class dean for each year, so you always have a dean specifically designated to help you with questions or concerns.

Begin mapping out your four-year plan. Every student takes their own path, but there are benchmarks to guide your development. Focus on establishing a good GPA. Benefit from participating in everything you can while maintaining a healthy lifestyle. As a sophomore, begin identifying a handful of priorities and seeking leadership roles in those activities. As a junior, make a significant impact in one or two activities. As a senior, serve as a mentor to younger students in order to provide continuity to student activities and practice management skills. There is often a natural evolution to your student experience, and each level has different things to teach and learn.

**STUDENT RECOMMENDED BUCKET LIST**

- Hike House Mountain
- Swim at Goshen Pass
- Visit Natural Bridge
- Participate in Mock Con
- Drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Run on Woods Creek Trail
- Meet the President!
- Study Abroad
- See a movie at Hull’s Drive-In
- Tube down the Maury River
- Go to Fancy Dress
- Streak the Colonnade
- Get to know Public Safety
- Play an Intramural Sport
- Attend Midnight Breakfast
- Explore Devil’s Marble Yard
- Have Dinner at a Professor’s House
- Survive the Safari Park
- Browse the Marshall Library
- Swim at Panther Falls
- Visit the Lee Chapel Museum
- Hike on the Appalachian Trail
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