Welcome to the Wayne State University Parent Newsletter.

Entering the Home Stretch!

It’s hard to believe, but your student is now more than halfway through their fall semester. I don’t know about you, but I am having a hard time keeping up with how fast this year is moving.

Whether they are a commuter or on-campus resident, your student will soon be preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday break. There will be no classes on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and the university will be closed from Nov. 27-29. As your student looks ahead to 2015, this is a good time to ask how they are doing and if they have met with an academic advisor to plan their winter semester schedule yet.

Winter registration begins on Monday, Nov. 3, so it’s important that your student has met with their advisor and is ready to make their choices. Keep in mind that classes fill up quickly — the earlier your student registers for winter semester, the better chance they have of getting the classes they need.

One last thing, parents: We invite you to like our WSU Parent & Family Facebook page at
Early Academic Assessment and Winter 2015 Registration

Students taking classes at the 1000-3000 level (such as ENG 1020 or MAT 1800) can check Pipeline to see if their instructor is currently assessing them at a C or lower. These midterm evaluations, called Early Academic Assessments (EAA), are useful for encouraging students to seek tutoring and discuss their progress with their academic advisors. In addition to making sure that the fall semester is as successful as possible, your student can also plan ahead for winter. The winter 2015 schedule of classes is now online (classschedule.wayne.edu) and priority registration begins Monday, Nov. 3. Students who still owe a fall 2014 balance may enroll in an internal payment plan through Student Accounts Receivable in order to be allowed to register for winter classes. More information is available online: http://fisops.wayne.edu/bursar/payment/installment.php.

2015-16 Private Scholarship Application

The WSU private scholarship application is available every year starting in November. Students can apply for scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year until March 31, 2015. If a 2015-16 FAFSA is listed as a requirement, it also must be filed by March 31, 2015. Apply online on our scholarship website.

Financial Aid for Winter Semester

Outstanding balances
If your student still has a balance, they will have a hold that prevents registration. Are there outstanding financial aid requirements that are hampering aid disbursement? Your student can check requirements in Pipeline/Academica.

Winter bills
Bills will be available in Pipeline for the winter 2015 semester in December. Financial aid will be applied to a student’s account balance in early January 2015. If you have financial aid to cover the balance, you will not owe a late fee.

Fall grade review

Important Dates to Note
Is your student aware of what’s coming up on the academic calendar?

April 29-May 5
:Final exams

May 7:
Commencement
We will review grades at the end of the fall semester to confirm satisfactory academic progress (SAP) before we apply winter aid. Failing to meet SAP standards will affect aid eligibility. If not all grades are on record when SAP is reviewed, we will continue to check until we can confirm eligibility.

**Buy books early**
Classes start Monday, Jan. 12. You can help your student plan ahead and buy books early. Students who are eligible for a book voucher will be contacted before the semester starts via their WSU email.

**Winter refunds**
If your student is eligible for a refund of excess aid, they will receive an email from Higher One the first week of classes with details about the amount and the timing. Questions about winter financial aid eligibility? Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 313-577-2100 or send an email to studentservice@wayne.edu. Appointments may be made at wams.wayne.edu.

**Diversity at WSU**
Wayne State University has a unique and diverse student population. With nearly 28,000 students on campus from 48 states and 60 countries, our diversity sets us apart from many campuses across the state and region. Every day, we are challenged by the diversity in and out of the classroom, growing and learning more about ourselves and the world around us. Diversity helps us to be more aware about ourselves and the world we live in, giving us a bigger perspective beyond ourselves. Thus, it isn’t something we just tolerate; we cherish and celebrate our diversity.

Wayne State University Housing & Residential Life is committed to creating an inclusive residential community that values and embraces the diversity of all its members. We aspire to develop an appreciation for ability, age, citizenship status, creed, cultural background, ethnicity, family model, gender identity and expression, health status, national origin, political ideology, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, spiritual affinity, size, socioeconomic class, and veteran status.

Many students use their college years to explore and develop their identities and values. We believe this exploration can best take place in an environment that is open to and respectful of individuals across the spectrum of human differences and distinctions. It is the responsibility of every member of the Housing & Residential Life community — staff and students alike — to work to create and maintain such an environment.

Housing & Residential Life is committed to providing a purposefully inclusive community where all members and visitors are free from harassment, verbal or written abuse, threats, bullying, ridicule, intimidation, cyber-bullying, or violence because of their identity. We will not accept fear, ignorance, apathy, indifference, religious bias, anger, or alcohol or substance abuse as an excuse, reason, or rationale for such behavior. We encourage all members within our community to make informed personal choices, hold each other
accountable, and constructively challenge any injustices.

Housing & Residential Life, in collaboration with other campus resources, fosters the holistic development of the WSU residential community. We challenge all members of the Warrior family to move beyond mere tolerance and engage in creating and maintaining an inclusive community for all.

**Wayne State Insiders**
Some of the most important spaces for our students are under renovation, and the Wayne State Insiders will be treated to a first look at the improvements.

**On Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,** the Wayne State Insiders will get an advance tour of phase one of the Student Center renovations. Join us to view the much-anticipated upgrades to the food court, second-floor ballroom and open lounge area, lower-level gaming space and third-floor collaboration zone. We will hear from students, staff, architects and project managers, and enjoy a catered lunch from Panda Express. This event is limited to the first 75 reservations, so please [reserve now](mailto:reserve_now) if you would like to attend.

The Wayne State Insiders includes alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty and staff who serve as informal ambassadors for Wayne State and our Midtown community. We welcome anyone excited about the positive impact of WSU and Detroit’s urban renewal. The more we learn, the more we can share, and the greater our collective impact can be. All Wayne State Insiders programs are free, join the group by attending an event or email [a.roberge@wayne.edu](mailto:a.roberge@wayne.edu) to be added to the listserv.

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Thank you for signing up as a member of the Wayne State University Parent Information Network and allowing us to share WSU news and updates.