DEAN’S CHAT

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SPECIAL SESSIONS

- Residence Life Session, 1:00 pm, University Center Ballroom
- Academic Department Meeting, 2:00 pm, meet at University Center Ballroom for an escort to this session
- Campus Resources-Meet and Greet, 3:30 pm, Various Locations, University Center
- Parent and Family Orientation Closing, 4:30 pm, University Center, North Conference Room
• MMR Immunization
• Selective Services
• Meningitis Vaccination-STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
• Leave forms at the University Center Front Desk, at the LEAD Office, University Center 118, or Office of Student Affairs, Taylor Hall 301
The truest measure of a person's trustworthiness and expertise is often expressed as his or her *street cred*, short for “street credibility.”
Astin’s Theory of Student Involvement

• The most basic tenet of Astin's Theory of Involvement is that students learn more the more they are involved in both the academic and social aspects of the collegiate experience. An involved student is one who devotes considerable energy to academics, spends time on campus, participates actively in student organizations and activities, and interacts often with faculty and staff.

• Student involvement also translates into higher retention and graduation rates.
5 Basic Tenets of Astin’s Theory

1. Live on-campus
2. Work on-campus
3. Involvement/engagement with campus clubs/organizations
4. Engagement with academic program
5. One significant connection with faculty, staff or upper class student leader

- It is the student’s responsibility to self-advocate…ASK FOR SUPPORT, SEEK GUIDANCE, COACHING, AND MENTORING
- Academic and Student Support Services, *Parent Handbook*, p. 16
LEAD OFFICE

• Leadership, Engagement & Development (LEAD) Office, University Center 118, 970.943.2469
• The LEAD Office’s purpose is to create and provide leadership development opportunities and actively engage our students into the Western and local community. This office provides students with opportunities for direct participation in activities involving their academic, emotional, physical, spiritual or career-related development.
• Student engagement programs
• Clearinghouse for campus work-study jobs
• Student sustainability initiatives
• Prevention education-peer leadership
• Sara Phillips, sphillips@western.edu
• http://www.western.edu/current-students/lead-leadership-engagement-and-development
• Academic rigor and engagement
• Studying for classes: 2 for 1
• Class Attendance
• Faculty Office Hours
• Resources:
  1. Academic Resource Center, Taylor Hall 302
  2. Writing Center, Taylor Hall 112D
  3. Supplemental Instruction
  4. Tutoring
  5. Peer Academic Leaders (PALs)
• www.western.edu/academics
FERPA/PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA),
- Waiver Forms
- Progress Reports: Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Not Attending. 6-week progress reports: October 2, 10-week progress reports: October 30
- Grades
- Parental Notification Policy
  1. Alcohol/Drugs
  2. Extraordinary Circumstances

• Conduct and Community Standards

• Think About It-Required for all incoming freshmen students, *Parent Handbook*, p. 33
Title IX Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policies serve all members of the University community.

Title IX exists to prohibit sex discrimination in any education program or activity receiving federal funds.

Title IX requires institutions that utilize federal funds to have policies and procedures in place to protect individuals from all forms of sex discrimination and sexual harassment.

Title IX Administrator: Chris Luekenga, tixadministrator@western.edu

http://www.western.edu/current-students/student-affairs/title-ixsexual-harassment-discrimination-policies
CAMPUS SAFETY

• Campus Security Services, *Parent Handbook*, p. 30
• Nathan Kubes, Director, nkubes@western.edu, 970.943.3084
• Emergency Contact Form
• RAVE Mobile Alert System
• Gunnison Police Department
• Campus Safe Walk
• Annual Campus Safety Report:
MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

- Campus Health Center, Tomichi Hall 104
- Mental Health/Counseling: 7 FREE SESSIONS
- Medical Services: FEE for SERVICE
- Supplemental Student Health Insurance, http://www.western.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-health-insurance
- Health & Counseling Information Session, 3:30-5 pm, North Conference Room, University Center
TRANSPORTATION

• Bike-friendly campus and community
• SAFE RIDE, 970.209.RIDE (7433)
• FREE On-Campus Parking
• RTA Bus Service to Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte
• Gunnison to Denver Bus Service

Air Service: United and American Airlines

http://gunnisonvalleyrta.org/
RECREATION

- Wilderness Pursuits (WP)
- Monarch Mountain: $449 Season Pass-October 31st
- Hartman Rocks
- City Recreation: Indoor Swimming Pool/Recreation Center and Indoor Skating Rink
- Intramurals
CLUB SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- Climbing Team
- Dance Team
- Men’s Baseball
- Men’s Hockey
- Women’s Hockey
- Men’s Lacrosse
- Men’s Rugby
- Women’s Rugby
- Men’s Soccer
- Women’s Soccer

✓ Higher Freshman-Sophomore Retention Rate
✓ Higher Percentage Rate in Academic Good Standing
Mountain Sports

- Real, authentic mountain sports
- Mountain Biking-XC and Gravity
- Skiing & Snowboarding: Freeride-Big Mountain, Park & Pipe, and Skier/Boarder Cross
- Nordic Skiing
- Endurance (SkiMo)
- Trail Running
- Media, Industry and Support
- Dave Wiens, Director dwiens@western.edu

http://wscumountainsports.com/
IMPORTANT DATES

- FIRST day of classes-Monday, August 24
- Club/Activities Fair, Thursday, September 3, 11 am-1 pm, South Patio, University Center
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7-No Classes
- Homecoming Weekend, September 11-12
- Mid-Fall Break, Friday, October 9-No Classes
- Family Weekend, October 16-19
- Thanksgiving Break, November 23-27
- Final Exams, December 14-17
STUDENT TRACKING SYSTEM

- GPS Chip-$100
- Implant Fee-$1500
- Make checks payable to: Gary Pierson Retirement Fund
- Knowledge of your student’s whereabouts: PRICELESS
Western families are Mountaineers, too!

Whether you’re the parent of a current student, or someone you know is considering attending Western State Colorado University, there are resources available to support you. Whether you browse the website or visit in person, there are always new opportunities to explore and new experiences to discover. You might also find some answers to your questions in the Parents & Families section of the website. If you can’t find what you need, you can always reach out to the Office of Admissions by phone at 970-248-1147, by e-mail at admissions@western.edu, or in person at 745 22nd Street, Gunnison, CO 81230.

For a more detailed overview, see the information in the Parents & Families section of the website.