Greetings from WCU!

We are thrilled that your student has chosen WCU for their college experience, and we know that when a student comes to WCU, a family also comes to WCU! We're committed to making sure you get to know our vibrant campus community, so while your student goes through their virtual orientation experience this summer, you'll also be receiving orientation-related information that's curated just for parents, families, and supporters of our new Golden Rams.

Let's talk class schedules! All new first-year students have their fall semester class schedules developed by WCU faculty and staff. The first-year scheduling process is fully explained here. Prior to the start of scheduling, we require each first-year student to complete their First-Year Enrollment Portal. This portal is accessed in their myWCU account under "Current Tasks." We will begin scheduling students on June 15th, so it is important that your student complete their First-Year Enrollment Portal before this date to ensure they are included in the first round of scheduling.

Your student's First-Year Enrollment Portal is unique to them and contains exercises based on the requirements of their major. Please review the following information with your student, so you can both be informed and prepared:

- Writing Placement Assessment (also referred to as the WRITE Survey) – All incoming first-year and transfer students are required to complete the WRITE Survey. The WRITE Survey determines which Writing course sequence (out of 4 possibilities) is likely to be the best fit for your student. Once submitted, the student will not be able to modify their answers.
- Math Placement Assessment – Students are encouraged to retake this assessment at least once to ensure proper placement in a math course. Students must complete the self-paced Prep and Learning Modules in order to retake the assessment. The Prep and Learning Modules are designed to support your student in advancing their score.
- Second Language Placement Test – All students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree at WCU must complete a foreign language as part of their graduation requirements. Based on their placement test results, some students may "test out" of the language requirement, and others will be placed in the appropriate level of their language course.

- Theory and Musicianship Placement – Applicable to, and required of, Bachelor of Music students only.

If your student has any general questions about their First-Year Enrollment Portal, they should email FYscheduling@wcupa.edu. If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Parent and Family Relations at parentfamilyrelations@wcupa.edu or New Student Programs at orientation@wcupa.edu.

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