Winter Break

The end of the quarter is fast approaching and with it comes the chore of students packing up their belongings and heading home for the holidays. Fall quarter finals are December 8-11, 2014, after which many of our students will be making the long drive home to spend some much needed quality time with their families. The residence halls will be closing December 13, 2014 at noon. However, students are asked to check out no later than 24 hours after their last final exam. Campus dining halls will close after breakfast service on Saturday, December 13, 2014 and will re-open at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

Students who are returning winter quarter to the same room do not need to schedule a check out time. A closing checklist, which will be hung on every resident’s door, needs to be completed, signed and dated prior to students leaving for break. While students are not required to take all their belongings home with them over break, it is recommended that they not leave valuables in their rooms as a safety precaution. Please take everything needed during the break as students are not allowed into the residence halls, including Stephens Whitney.

Students who are not returning to their same room winter quarter or those who are withdrawing from the university, need to make arrangements with their resident assistant to check out within 48 hours of their desired departure time. The locks on the exterior doors will be changed at 12:00 pm on Saturday the 13th.

Students may contact their resident assistant or the University Housing office with questions about check out procedures.

Monday, December 22, 2014 - Thursday, January 1, 2015
Residence Life Office will be closed.
Most CWU campus offices are open. (All Office Closed: Dec 25 & Jan 1)

Friday, January 2, 2015 8 am - 5 pm — Housing & ResLife Open
Sunday, January 4, 2015 12 noon - 4 pm — Housing & ResLife Open
**Finals Week Care Packages**

Help your student survive final exam week. There are many things you can do to boost spirits and energy. Many parents will send a text message to their students on their way to their exam while other send care packages. The Residence Hall Association sponsored care packages are no longer available for purchase. However, there is still time to create your own homemade care package. Those care packages that were ordered will be delivered the week of December 1st.

Thanks to all of the parents who participated in the over 200 care packages to be distributed during finals week. The proceeds from the RHA care packages are then used to support programming within the residence halls.

University Housing and New Student Programs wanted to make sure everyone was included so we are sending out popcorn care packages to all students living in the halls.

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**$1,000 Housing Waiver**

University Housing is excited to announce that all sophomores (with 45-90 credits) that live in the residence halls for the entire 2015-2016 academic year are eligible for a $1,000 housing waiver. This aid will be disbursed in equal increments for fall, winter, and spring quarters along with all other financial aid. Students must be sophomore class standing at the beginning of fall quarter 2015 to be eligible. Eligibility is based on non-Running Start credits.
Thursday December 4 & Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
SURC

Oh by gosh, by golly—it's time for Mistletoe and Holly! And what better way to ring it in than with CWU’s annual juried holiday arts and crafts festival? For three days, Northwest artists converge on the Student Union, filling it with the sights and sounds of the season. CWU musicians add a festive touch as shoppers browse more than 50 booths of handcrafted items, fine art and delectable eats. Many student clubs and organizations use Ware Fair as a fundraising opportunity.

Contact: Ware Fair coordinator • 509-963-3315 • warefair@cwu.edu • www.cwu.edu/campus-life

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Giving: Annual Giving Tree

November 3, 2014 to December 5, 2014

We seek to fulfill the wishes of those children whose families have a difficult time making ends meet during the holiday season. To provide a little bit of cheer we will be hanging holiday tags, with children’s gift wishes, on a tree in the SURC. CWU students and staff are encouraged to take a tag and purchase a gift for one or more of these children. Gifts will be collected on Dec 2nd in the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, SURC 256. These gifts will be delivered directly to local schools and organizations for distribution.

509-963-1643
takeaction@cwu.edu • www.takeactioncwu.com
Operation Elf

Saturday, December 13th

This event is a fun and exciting way for children to learn about other culture’s holiday celebrations, as the craft stations will include fun and functional décor for holidays including Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukah and secular crafts. Don’t miss this event that is sure to bring holiday spirit to the CWU and Ellensburg communities.

The Nutcracker

When: Friday, December 12th, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 13th 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 14th, 2014, 2 p.m.

Where: McConnell Auditorium

Price: $15 General Admission
$12 Senior/Student
$7 CWU Student

It is Christmas Eve; the younger children are in wonder of the sparkling decorations and the enchantment of the evening. Once the children have been put to bed, imaginations begin to envision a fanciful wonderland of dance and enchantment unfolds in a magnificent dream of everything that is magic about the holidays. A joint production with Ellensburg’s Central Washington Dance Ensemble, the CWU Orchesis Dance Company, and Central Theatre Ensemble.

http://www.cwu.edu/tickets
Withdrawing From the University

Withdrawing from Central Washington University is a big decision and we want to offer our assistance in helping you make that choice. Students should exhaust all avenues within the University, including financial aid, academic advising, housing and the registrar’s office. Please call University Housing with any questions you may have about your student continuing their college career at CWU.

If your student determines that withdrawing is in his/her best interest, here are a few things to remember before they leave. Students need to make arrangements with their resident advisor, 48 hours in advance, to check out of their room. They also need to turn in a contract cancellation form to University Housing in Button Hall prior to their departure from campus. Failure to complete these requirements will result in additional fees. They should also visit the registrar to ensure a smooth academic withdrawal. Some students withdraw through the registrar without notifying housing. However, we want to encourage students to also check out properly with University Housing to avoid unnecessary charges.

Where Does Mail Go During Winter Break?

During winter break, December 13—January 4, mail will not be delivered to the residence halls. Mail will not be forwarded to break addresses if it comes to CWU. Please remind your students to have all important items mailed directly to their break address. Regular mail processes will commence on Monday the 5th once the residence halls re-open.

We encourage you to see the October newsletter with any questions on how to mail a package to your student while they are living on campus. All of the CWU Parent and Family Program newsletters are archived at:

http://www.cwu.edu/parents
Family Weekend
May 8-10, 2014

Family Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of May 8, 2014. More details about the schedule of events for the weekend will become available at a later date. Watch upcoming newsletters for full details.

Student staff applications for the 2015-2016 academic year are available online (http://jobs.cwu.edu). If your student has considered a position in the residence halls now is time to further research their options. We will have interest sessions schedule in the next few months or current staff members are a great resource as well.

HEALTH 101: NOVEMBER

Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness magazine for CWU students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students. If you subscribe, you’ll receive a monthly e-mail with the latest issue of the family-only Parent Perspective, along with the Student Health 101 issue that your student will receive. Go to http://readsh101.com/cwu-pp.html to read the November issue and to subscribe.

The November issue has some great articles including:

- Budgeting
- Learning how to succeed
- Understanding depression
- Beyond pregnancy prevention
- Fast-check the FLU

Resident Assistant
2015-2016 Applications

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The CWU Alert Update System is intended as a "post incident" notification system. Subscribers to this ListServ will be updated following a safety related emergency at Central Washington University. This subscription system is open to anyone (parents, members of the community, students, faculty, staff, media, etc.). This is NOT considered a first response system, and no messages will be sent to this system while a safety related emergency is occurring.

By opting in, you are providing us with your permission to send information, which may include information protected under confidentiality rules, to e-mail addresses you provide. You may opt out of the system at any time.

**Sign up to receive the alert updates at:**
[www.cwu.edu/alert/alertupdatesystem.html](http://www.cwu.edu/alert/alertupdatesystem.html)

**Please note:** If you choose not to subscribe to the CWU Alert Update System, you will not receive safety-related emergency e-mails directly from CWU. As an alternative, interested parties may monitor the CWU Emergency Closures page at: [www.cwu.edu/~web/closures.php](http://www.cwu.edu/~web/closures.php)

Students are automatically opted into the emergency alert system. The alerts will be sent to their information as listed within MyCWU on their student account.

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**Dates to Remember**

**December-**
- 5 - Finals Week
  Quiet hours (24 hour) begin at 10 pm
- 8-12 - Final Exams
- 13 - Halls Close at noon

**January-**
- 4 - Halls Reopen at noon
- 6 - Classes Begin
- 19 - MLK Day No Classes
- 28 - Study Day No Class
- 29 - Major Fair

**February-**
- 16 - Presidents Day University Closed

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**Some things stay the same...**

This section will review common areas of confusion or concern.
Please refer to archived newsletters for additional information.
[http://www.cwu.edu/parents](http://www.cwu.edu/parents)