2016–2017
PARENT & FAMILY
RESOURCE
CALENDAR
Welcome to Washington University in St. Louis! We are so happy you are joining our community. We also thank the parents and families of our students for their wonderful support. We at Washington University are committed to educating and helping our students develop into the next generation of outstanding leaders for society.

My colleagues and I are dedicated to providing an environment that will fully support the growth and maturation of our students with abundant cultural, social, and educational opportunities. Our distinguished faculty is prepared and ready to guide our students and challenge them intellectually.

This is an exciting time in the history of Washington University. The Class of 2020 was selected from a large, diverse, and immensely talented applicant pool. Our students will learn, discover, and mature, and what they experience during their time here will prepare them for the rest of their lives.

We hope this Parent & Family Resource Calendar will keep you informed about important events and deadlines. It is also a helpful reference tool to find information on academics, campus life, finances, the campus community, and important contacts.

Thank you for everything you have done to prepare your daughters and sons for academic achievement at Washington University. The faculty and staff are your partners in helping to realize the full potential of your student.

We look forward to a productive and fulfilling year, and we welcome you to the Washington University family!

Mark S. Wrighton
FROM RISA ZWERLING WRIGHTON

The chancellor and I understand that you trust us to take good care of these precious young people, and we take this responsibility very seriously. Having sent our own children off to college, I know that this very exciting time can also be a time of apprehension. For many of you, it is the first time your son or daughter will be living away from home. I remember when my oldest was a first-year student. She was so happy to get an invitation for dinner at the home of one of her professors for a holiday celebration. It was a transforming moment in her adjustment to being away from home.

It was my daughter’s experience that prompted me to start Home Plate 16 years ago. I personally match our students with local families so they can experience a home-like atmosphere away from home. They enjoy a home-cooked meal and make a meaningful connection with a St. Louis family. The families love being involved in the life of the university, and in many cases they are missing their own college-age children. Many families have developed warm relationships with their students and have hosted them throughout their undergraduate experience and beyond!

If you hear a little homesickness in your child’s voice, that may be a great time to remind them about Home Plate. Many students sign up not only to experience a touch of home, but also to meet interesting people. With more than 300 families participating, I can frequently find a family that has interests in common with your student. I typically assign students in groups of three or four to make it more comfortable to meet their Home Plate family for the first time. It works beautifully. To join Home Plate, your student can visit homeplate.wustl.edu, email homeplate@wustl.edu, or call me at (314) 726-3106. I will personally be in touch with each student.

Thank you again for entrusting your children to Washington University. We will do everything we can to help make these four years the best they can be. My best wishes for a great year.

FROM LORI WHITE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENTS

On behalf of all of my colleagues at Washington University, we welcome you to the 2016–2017 academic year. Whether you are a family that is new to our community or returning, we look forward to sharing the coming year with you.

For those of you new to the university, your student may be your first to attend college, or you may have experienced this undertaking before. Either way, your student’s time at WashU is certainly something you have anticipated with many emotions. We hope you feel great pride in your student’s accomplishments.

WashU has dedicated faculty, administrators, and staff who are committed to helping your student succeed. While WashU is a rigorous academic environment, it is also a supportive one. Your student will undoubtedly face many adjustments during their time in college, including how best to master time management, given the many opportunities available in and out of the classroom. The university has excellent resources and services to support your student and assist with whatever challenges may arise.

As a family member, encourage your student to utilize the resources available at Washington University. The Parent & Family Resource Calendar is a guide to these resources, whether academics, athletics, campus services, university life, or life in St. Louis. Please keep this calendar handy for reference throughout the year. You will receive a new calendar each year while your student attends WashU. Additionally, regular updates appear online on two websites we highly recommend: parents.wustl.edu and firstyear.wustl.edu.

Congratulations to you and your WashU student. We all extend our very best wishes!
The arrival of new students on campus is a major event, and Bear Beginnings: New Student Fall Orientation helps kick start their four years of friendship and learning. One of the signature events is Convocation, a high-energy welcome for new students and their families, marked by cheering and chanting with their new residential college community.

**STAY CONNECTED.**
www.wustl.edu/parentinfo
September 2016

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Pre-Orientation Move-In Day • Pre-Orientation begins

Residence Houses open for first-year and transfer students
• Bear Beginnings: New Student Fall Orientation begins • Fall meal plan begins • Parent & Family Orientation begins • Convocation

Residence Houses open for returning students
SEPTEMBER

The first 40 days at WashU are filled with fun events and activities on campus and in the community. First 40 is designed to give new students the opportunity to connect with each other, participate in academic, social, and cultural activities beyond their classrooms and floors; and develop an awareness of the many ways to engage on campus and in the St. Louis community.

FIRST 40

THIS MONTH

Community Service Fair • Activities Fair •
Last day to change grade option to pass/fail or audit •
Labor Day • Fall Career Fair
Labor Day: University closed

Last day to add classes or change section

Last day to withdraw without a W

Last day to change grade option to pass/fail or audit

First Day of Autumn
Home to more than 3,800 trees, the Danforth Campus of WashU has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for its dedication to environmental responsibility. For most students and visitors, the campus is simply a place of extraordinary beauty in every season. A historic row of ancient ginkgo trees near Olin Library is particularly striking in the fall.

TRE CAMPUS USA

**THIS MONTH**
Fall Break • Undergraduate Research Symposium • Parent & Family Weekend
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**Important Dates:**
- **Rosh Hashanah**: Begins on November 2, 2016
- **Washington University hosts Presidential Debate**: October 9, 2016
- **Columbus Day**: October 10, 2016
- **Yom Kippur begins**: October 11, 2016 (Rosh Hashanah immediately follows)
- **Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium**: November 29, 2016
- **Parent & Family Weekend**: November 28-29, 2016

**Note:** Events and schedules may vary; please refer to official university calendars for the most accurate information.
BEAR SPORTS
Washington University has a 100-year-long tradition of athletic achievement, with 19 NCAA Division III Championships and 137 Academic All-Americans. Women’s Soccer celebrated a standout year as the 2015 NCAA Division III National Runner-Up. The Bears advanced to the Final Four for the third time in school history, with three players named to the All-America First Team.

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Diwali Performance • Thanksgiving Break • Register for a Road Show with the Career Center
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*Last day to change grade option to credit*
The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts has a nationally recognized faculty of artists, designers, architects, and scholars who explore the convergence of art, architecture, and design. Innovation and collaboration are at the core of this interdisciplinary approach that applies the tools of design to effect positive social change.

**THIS MONTH**

- Final exams
- Last day to file intent to graduate
- Winter Break
JANUARY

CAMPUS COMMUNITY
On campus, you’ll feel the camaraderie of a vibrant, engaged community. The Danforth Campus is the ideal size for walking, with students living in close proximity to our hub of classrooms and libraries. The campus is reminiscent of great European universities with its traditional beauty and predominantly Collegiate Gothic architecture.

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Spring semester begins • Activities Fair • Fraternity and sorority formal recruitment • Housing selection process for returning students begins • Last day to add/withdraw or change grade to Pass/Fail
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MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION
WashU is a global institution and diversity is part of who we are. We celebrate the many cultural traditions of our students and strive to engage, learn, respect, and include in order to know each other by name and story. The annual Lunar New Year Festival is a featured event each year, celebrating the many Asian cultures represented on our campus.

THIS MONTH
Lunar New Year Festival • Black Anthology • Last day to change grade option to pass/fail or audit

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The Congress of the South 40 acts as the programming body for students living on campus, providing a variety of ways for students to participate in leadership roles and get involved in the WashU community by presenting student input to the administration. One signature event is WUStock, an annual music festival held on the South 40.

MARCH

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Washington University in St. Louis
The Division of Student Affairs contributes to the educational mission of WashU through intentional co-curricular learning experiences that complement our students’ academic curriculum. WashU knows that student learning is most impactful when students are able to make significant connections both in and outside the classroom.

THIS MONTH
Relay For Life • ThurtenE Carnival •
Career Center: discuss internship opportunities
MAY

NOT AN END BUT A BEGINNING
As graduating students prepare for the next chapter in their lives, they gather for a final time in Brookings Quadrangle, surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues to celebrate Commencement. The history and traditions of Commencement at WashU date from the first ceremony more than 150 years ago.

THIS MONTH
Final exams • Senior Week • Commencement
Memorial Day: University closed

Ramadan begins
MAKE YOUR SUMMER COUNT
Summer months are a time when many students take advantage of opportunities to accelerate their major, satisfy an intellectual curiosity, fulfill academic requirements, or participate in a unique summer institute. Summer institutes include topics from entrepreneurship to writing, plus programs for visiting international students.

THIS MONTH
Summer School • Summer Study Abroad • Support the Parents Fund
FOREST PARK
At 1,300 acres, Forest Park is one of the largest parks in the nation—500 acres larger than New York’s Central Park! This St. Louis treasure is literally WashU’s “front yard,” providing green space for outdoor activities, running and biking paths, athletic facilities, picnic areas, scenic lagoons and waterways, plus the city’s finest museums and the Saint Louis Zoo.

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY VALUES
We, as members of the Washington University community, strive to engage, learn, respect, and include in order to know each other by name and story.

ENGAGE
• We are valued members of the Washington University community.
• We seek out different perspectives and experiences.
• We share our stories and listen to others.

LEARN
• We hold the courage to speak up, take risks, and make mistakes.
• We challenge ourselves to think critically and reflect upon our actions and words.
• We discover and explore identity.

RESPECT
• We act with kindness and empathy.
• We are responsible to our community and for our actions.
• We will forgive and be forgiven.

INCLUDE
• We welcome differences as well as commonalities.
• We learn from others.
• We value others.

PARENT & FAMILY
RESOURCES
FIRST YEAR CENTER
The First Year Center supports new students and families through their transition into the Washington University community. Our goal is to assure each student builds and sustains his or her academic and personal goals. We bring together people, programs, and resources to provide an undergraduate experience of exceptional quality where we come to know each student by name and story, and where we help them prepare for lives of purpose and meaning.

The First Year Center sponsors Bear Beginnings: New Student Fall Orientation, Parent & Family Orientation, Pre-Orientation, programs to engage students with faculty outside the classroom, and Parent & Family Weekend. The First Year Center serves as the point of contact for all information you or your student may need to know about the transition to Washington University.

Please visit firstyear.wustl.edu, email firstyearcenter@wustl.edu, or call us at (314) 935-5040 for information about our programs or questions about campus resources.

PARENT PROGRAMS
Our parents and families serve as valued partners in the student experience at Washington University. Parent Programs staff serve as your liaison with WashU by providing resources, facilitating engagement opportunities, and empowering families wishing to make an impact on the university.

Contact Parent Programs to learn more about events and programming in your area, assisting the Alumni & Parent Admissions Program, expanding Career Center services by hiring and mentoring WashU students, and including the university in your philanthropic priorities.

Discover more resources, ways to give, and sign up for publications at parentprograms.wustl.edu, or call (800) 247-8517 or email us at parentprograms@wustl.edu.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES
CORNERSTONE
Cornerstone: The Learning Center helps your student improve learning skills, make a successful academic transition to college, and master material in courses. Group learning is emphasized in most programs, giving students the opportunity to learn from each other and understand the material more fully. Cornerstone offers many resources, including study groups, academic mentors, walk-in service at help desks, residential peer mentors, skills development workshops and advising, intensive review programs, a technology laboratory, and individual and group study areas. For more information, (314) 935-5970; cornerstone.wustl.edu.

DISABILITY RESOURCES
Disability Resources, located in Cornerstone: The Learning Center, provides resources for students with disabilities and suspected disabilities. It is important for incoming students and their families to know that the laws governing disability status eligibility differ between high school and college. To be eligible in college, students must have an impairment that substantially limits them in a major life activity in comparison to most people. Disability Resources (DR) helps students determine whether they are eligible. DR is the official resource for students with learning, attention, visual, hearing, psychiatric, mobility, or medical disorders. Students can visit the DR website to review the requirements for documenting their disability and requesting accommodations, as well as some examples of common accommodations. Students should submit their documentation well before course registration to be sure there is no delay in getting accommodations once classes begin. (314) 935-5970; disability.wustl.edu

LIBRARIES
Washington University Libraries, which include the John M. Olin Library and 11 school and departmental libraries, contain some of the finest research collections in the nation. Using the Libraries’ website, anyone can check hours of operation and special events, search the catalog, learn about Special Collections, and study digitized images of historic documents. Additionally, family members, alumni, and other users will find links to a number of librarian-recommended, freely available resources. library.wustl.edu.

LIVING ON CAMPUS
BEAR BUCKS ACCOUNT
Bear Bucks is an optional, cashless system for purchasing select on- and off-campus services. These include residential laundry, select vending machines, printing, campus dining locations, and select off-campus restaurants. Bear Bucks may be used at several on-campus businesses such as the Campus Bookstore, Edison Theatre, Bear Necessities, and for a variety of student group events and activities. Bear Bucks is accessed through the WashU student ID card, the same card used for identification, building access, and the meal plan.

Students can initially purchase Bear Bucks on their housing application and manage them through WebSTAC. Funds remain available until the student leaves the university. “Guest Deposit” is a feature that gives parents, relatives, or friends the ability to purchase Bear Bucks for a student online using a debit or credit card. card.wustl.edu

KNOW “WHERE TO GO” IN AN EMERGENCY
Washington University is committed to protecting the safety and security of our
Safetys

The Washington University Police Department (WUPD) provides on-campus law enforcement and security services. University police officers are deputized by the St. Louis County Police Department. These officers patrol the Danforth Campus and the residence house areas 24 hours a day, responding to all emergencies and requests for assistance. As an additional measure of safety, Washington University has a system of more than 300 blue-light emergency telephones. Phones located on campus call directly to the Washington University Police; phones off campus call the local police department through a 911 operator. When an emergency phone is activated, an officer is immediately dispatched to the location.

To address safety issues proactively, WUPD provides the following services: free safety whistles; Operation ID, an identification program to mark and catalog personal property; free bicycle registration and reduced-rate sales of high-security bicycle locks; “CLUB” steering wheel locks; RAD: Rape Aggression Defense, a self-defense course offered to both men and women; Bear Patrol, a student-led service that provides escorts and additional security on campus; and a computer antitheft program called “STOP tag.”

SAFETY

To foster your student’s independence, the university works to provide a safe and secure environment in a number of ways. Resident advisors and other university staff encourage students to be conscious of their personal security. Through publications, special workshops, and residential floor meetings, students become knowledgeable about a variety of issues, such as personal safety, alcohol abuse, and sexual harassment, including sexual violence.

Returning students have a variety of Residential Life-managed housing options available to them. Some students choose to remain residing in one of the residential colleges located on the South 40; others decide to participate in the small group housing (BLOC) program located at the Village; others prefer an apartment located either on the Danforth Campus or in the adjacent neighborhoods. If your student is a member of a fraternity, he may choose to reside in his chapter’s house along with other members. In addition to Residential Life and Greek Life housing options, returning students may choose to reside in a university-owned off-campus apartment managed by Quadrangle Housing Co.

The Apartment Referral Service (ARS) is another valuable resource for determining availability, location, and costs. Each year, approximately 30 percent of our undergraduate students live in off-campus housing. Many upperclassmen report that apartment living provides them with an opportunity to assume more responsibility for their lives before they graduate.

Finally, Washington University students report that choosing whom to live with is a far more important decision than choosing where to live. (314) 935-5050; reslife.wustl.edu

RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION (RSVP) CENTER

The RSVP Center is a community health resource committed to prevention education, as well as support, response, and empowerment for victims of relationship and sexual violence. (314) 935-8761

STUDENT CONDUCT

For more information on policies and student conduct, please contact the Office of Student Conduct at (314) 935-4174 or visit studentconduct.wustl.edu. For a list of university policies, please see wustl.edu/policies.

SPRING HOUSING SELECTION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

The spring housing selection process for returning students can be a stressful time. Choosing a roommate(s) and determining housing options are two important decisions that your student must make. You can assist with this process by encouraging your student to be well-informed. Suggest that he or she attend a housing information forum and read important information available on the Residential Life website. If your student has any questions about the process, suggest that your student meet with a staff member in the Office of Residential Life. It is very important that students are aware of and meet all housing selection deadlines.

RETURNING STUDENTS

Students interested in exploring leadership development opportunities and creating positive change can take part in programs such as the Women’s Leadership Experience, Emerging Leaders, Greek Emerging Leaders, Redefining Community Experience, and LeaderShape.

CAMPUS LIFE

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

There is a club, cause, project, team, or group for every student at Washington University—and Student Involvement and Leadership is available to support them all. For many Washington University students simply participating will not be enough; they want to lead.

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Student Involvement and Leadership studentinvolvement.wustl.edu

Fraternity and Sorority Life studentinvolvement.wustl.edu

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Student Technology Services (STS), a division of Information Services & Technology, provides access to and support of student technology services, including wired and wireless networking, cable TV, residential computer labs, student technology programming, employment opportunities, and a student-staffed help desk. (314) 935-7100; sts.wustl.edu
From exploring summer career possibilities to seeking post-graduate opportunities, all undergraduate students are welcome to take advantage of what the Career Center has to offer. Students benefit when parents and family members discuss and support the importance of meaningful summer experiences, offer guidance on networking, share expertise, and hire WashU talent. For more information, call (314) 935-5930, email careers@wustl.edu, or visit careercenter.wustl.edu.

**FINANCES**

**STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Student Financial Services provides financial assistance and counseling to Washington University students. Students may apply for financial assistance, ask questions about or pay their student accounting invoice, receive assistance with budget planning, search for outside scholarships, and seek part-time employment. A counselor is available for walk-in appointments Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 75 of North Brookings Hall. (314) 935-5900 or 1 (888) 547-6670; sfs.wustl.edu

**STUDENT ACCOUNTING**

The Office of Student Accounting is responsible for the distribution of accurate information relating to a student’s financial account at Washington University. The primary function of the office is to issue e-statements, receive payments, disburse refunds, produce 1098-T forms, and provide the means to help understand various aspects of a student account. Students may access their billing information on WebSTAC at acadinfo.wustl.edu, under Billing Records, Pay/View My Bill. They may also invite their guardians to view billing statements under My Profile, Invite Other Payer. (800) 758-0050 or (314) 935-5274; studentaccounting.wustl.edu.

We encourage you to shop for the bank that most closely meets your own and your student’s needs. For information about on- and off-campus banking, visit firstyear.wustl.edu/getreadyforwustl/pages/finances.aspx.

**IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**ACADEMIC DEANS**

College of Arts & Sciences
Barbara Schaal and Jennifer Smith, deans
(314) 935-6800; artsci.wustl.edu

Olin Business School
(314) 935-6315; olin.wustl.edu

Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts
Carmon Colangelo, dean
(314) 935-9300; sfac.wustl.edu

College of Architecture
Bruce Lindsey, dean
(314) 935-6200
samfoxschool.wustl.edu/node/4099

College of Art
Heather Corcoran, director
(314) 935-9292
samfoxschool.wustl.edu/node/4145

School of Engineering & Applied Science
Aaron Bobick, dean
(314) 935-6100; engineering.wustl.edu

**ACADEMIC RESOURCES**

Cornerstone: The Learning Center
(314) 935-5970; cornerstone.wustl.edu

Disability Resources
(314) 935-5970; disability.wustl.edu

Student Technology Services
(314) 935-7100; sts.wustl.edu

Undergraduate Research
(314) 935-7342
undergraduate.research.wustl.edu

Washington University Libraries
(314) 935-5410; library.wustl.edu

The Writing Center
(314) 935-4981; writingcenter.wustl.edu

**STUDY ABROAD**

College of Arts & Sciences
(314) 935-5958; overseas.wustl.edu

Olin Business School
olin.wustl.edu/academicprograms/BSBA/InternationalStudy

Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts
samfoxschool.wustl.edu/node/4133

School of Engineering & Applied Science
engineering.wustl.edu/studyabroad

**PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES**

Alumni & Parents Admission Program
1 (800) 935-4826 or (314) 935-4826
apap.wustl.edu

Eliot Society
(314) 935-8096 or 1 (800) 215-2727
eliot.society.wustl.edu

First Year Center
(314) 935-5040; firstyear.wustl.edu

Parent Programs
1 (800) 247-8517 or (314) 935-4772
parentprograms.wustl.edu

**Women’s Society of Washington University**
(314) 935-7337; womenssociety.wustl.edu

**CAREER RESOURCES**

The Career Center
(314) 935-5930; careers.wustl.edu

Architecture Career Development
(314) 935-4157

Business: Weston Career Center
(314) 935-5950; olin.wustl.edu

**CAMPUS RESOURCES**

Admissions
(314) 935-6000 or 1 (800) 638-0700
admissions.wustl.edu

Athletics
(314) 935-5220 or (314) 935-4705:
24-hour Info Line; bearsports.wustl.edu

Bear Bucks
(314) 935-8800; card.wustl.edu

Bear Necessities
(314) 935-5071; wubearnecessities.com

Campus Store
(314) 935-5500; wubookstore.com

Campus Ministries
campusministries.wustl.edu

Center for Diversity and Inclusion
(314) 935-7535
DiversityAndInclusion@wustl.edu (email)

Commencement
(314) 935-8186; commencement.wustl.edu

Dining Services
(314) 935-7098; diningservices.wustl.edu

Emergency Preparedness
(314) 935-9000; emergency.wustl.edu

**STUDENT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

(314) 935-7100; sts.wustl.edu
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- Enhancing our need-based scholarship programs
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- Supporting teaching through facilities and technology

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