CHANCELLOR’S CORNER

Welcome Back to UW-River Falls!

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. Whether you are joining us online, on campus, or a bit of both, please know that we are excited to be back together with you. We hope you are looking forward to a productive, engaging semester, whatever format your learning takes. For those of you who are on campus with us, please know we have been working hard to increase opportunities for in-person socialization and improve some of our COVID-19 processes and protocols from last semester. While there are still many unknowns, we will face them together in the weeks and months ahead. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community.

Welcome home, Falcons!

Connie

COVID-19 UPDATES

For the latest information, please visit the Falcons Forward webpage.

- Testing Obligations
  o Since COVID-19 still represents a serious threat that we need to mitigate, in order for us to be successful in allowing for more socialization, we will be introducing mandatory testing, in line with UW System policy.
Testing will be once a week for students living on campus, while those living off campus but coming to campus on a regular basis will need to be tested once every two weeks. UWRF employees working on campus will also be required to be tested every two weeks.

Return to Campus - Residence Life Updates

- You must complete a COVID-19 test prior to accessing your residence hall. Door access will not work until you have been tested. Two options are available:
  - Complete a COVID-19 Test at Home
    - You may submit a testing exclusion form for review and approval prior to returning.
  - Complete a COVID-19 Test On Campus
    - Click here to schedule an appointment. There are limited appointments each day. Schedule early, especially if you want to return on a particular day.
    - The campus testing center will be open Thursday, Jan. 21 - Sunday, Jan. 24.
    - Students returning with approved assistance animals must plan accordingly, as there will be no access to the residence halls prior to completing a COVID-19 test.
    - If you return after January 24, you must still be tested before accessing your residence hall. Starting January 25, the on-campus testing center will only be open Mondays-Fridays. An appointment is required. Please plan accordingly.

Preparing to Return

- The return-to-campus dates are Thursday, Jan. 21 - Sunday, Jan. 24. Riverside Commons will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, for meal plan participants. Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 25.

Residence Life Town Hall - January 19

- We look forward to having you all back on campus and want to foster a positive start to the semester. Please join us Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 5-6 p.m. to talk more about what to expect this spring and answer any questions you have. Parents and family members are welcome to attend as well.

  Click here to join the meeting
  - Or call in (audio only) +1 262-771-0470,,154959422#
  - United States, Kenosha Phone Conference ID: 154 959 422#

COVID-19 Portal Information

- Your testing obligations will be managed through an online portal which will allow you a self-service style approach to organizing your testing schedule and retrieving information about results. Watch your emails for more information in the coming days.
Spring Break Reminder

- Due to COVID mitigation, we are not having a spring break this semester. This means our semester will end a week early. The last day of the semester is April 30th, with final exams week being May 3rd-6th.

- Look for answers to other frequently asked questions here.

**EVENTS THIS MONTH**

Stay up to date by downloading the [CORQ app](#)

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REMINDERS
Intramural Registration is Open!
- Register for spring intramural sports through IM Leagues: badminton, bag toss, broomball, KanJam, kickball, ladder golf, volleyball and BROOMBALL! Broomball will be back with COVID-19 modifications but the game itself will be similar to past years! Email campusrec@uwrf.edu if questions.

Open Skate
- Open skate will be available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during the semester from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- Register on the Campus Rec website to reserve your spot. Fee is $5 for faculty/staff, $3 for students. Includes skate rental. Limited to 40 participants due to capacity with COVID-19.

Voice of the People Book Club – ”Homeland Elegies a Novel” by Ayad Akhtar
- The Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Office will be offering a monthly book club showcasing various authors and topics. This month’s topic, Celebrating Muslim Voices, features the book, “Homeland Elegies a Novel,” by Ayad Akhtar. For more information or to request a FREE copy of the book, click here. If questions, email inclusion@uwrf.edu

Spring Textbook Issue
- In person pick-up will be by appointment only. Textbooks will be picked up at the kiosk on the first floor of Hagestad Hall (old McNair Scholars Office.) In-person pickup will start on Monday, Jan. 11.
- If you are distance learning this term or have circumstance that do not allow you to come in person, you can request your textbooks be mailed to you using the "Request Books to be Mailed" link on the left of this page. Mail requests can be made at any time. Processing of mailing requests started on Monday, Jan. 11. Due to large volume of requests and limited staff, mail requests may take up to 5-6 business days to be processed.

Falcon Shop Sale
- January 19-22: Champion clothing 20% off at the Falcon Shop. Instore or online.

COMING UP

Almost Midnight Mayhem: Friday, Jan. 29
- Join Student Involvement and Resident Hall Association for a fun-filled evening! Details and signup on Corq and MyOrgs. For questions, please email studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu
- 5-9 p.m. - Food and Fleece Blankets - Sign up to pick up a fleece blanket makers kit and boneless wings.
- 7-10 p.m. - Virtual Caricature Artist
- 8:30-10 p.m. - Game Night In - Compete in a series of mini games and get a chance to win Amazon gift cards.
- 10:30-11:15 p.m. - End the evening with a riveting game of BINGO. Get a chance to win fun prize packs.

- **SURPRISE Mega Medallion Hunt: Saturday, Jan. 30**
  - Shhhhh....a surprise is coming to campus and it involves a medallion hunt, tons or prizes and lots of outdoor fun! Follow @uwrfgetinvolved on Instagram as we drop hints about this surprise all week. Also, tune into Instagram Live at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, for a rundown of ALL the rules and what you need to do to start winning! If questions, please email studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu

**KEEP UP TO DATE**

- Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging weekly email announcements
- Student Voice - campus newspaper
- Student Organization weekly newsletter

**QUESTIONS or COMMENTS**

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