CHANCELLOR’S CORNER

Welcome to the first edition of the Falcon Weekly, a weekly email for students to keep you up to date with the latest happenings at UWRF. On behalf of the entire UWRF community I’d like to welcome you to campus as your interim chancellor. We have been patiently awaiting your arrival and are optimistic that the measures we have put in place this summer will help us have a safe and successful fall.

We know that “COVID times” are always changing and evolving. That goes for campus as well. We are doing our best to continue to cultivate a community that creates avenues for learning, connection and safety. With that said, we understand that this may not be the UWRF you remember or had hoped for. Just know that each decision is made with you at the forefront. You are the reason we are here and the reason UWRF feels like home to so many. A big reminder to be patient with yourself and others as we learn to navigate this fall together.

Welcome home, Falcons!
Interim Chancellor Connie Foster

COVID UPDATES

The COVID Updates section will be used to inform you of things related to COVID-19 here on campus. For the latest information, please visit the Falcons Forward webpage.

- Wear, Watch, Wash
  - We are asking everyone to wear your face covering, watch your distance, and wash your hands and surfaces. Let’s commit to these proactive measures to show our commitment of care for one another.

- Contact Tracing Through QR Codes
  - Centralized Attendance Tracking System (CATS) is UWRF’s contact tracing system to
ensure the safety of the campus community. CATS will utilize QR Codes in each space you enter.

- **Monitoring Your Health**
  - It is important to check in with how you are feeling each day and when in doubt, stay home if you are not feeling well. Also, you will be receiving text messages from campus to check in. The texts will ask you to report if you are feeling healthy or sick. Please respond so we can ensure the safety of campus.

- **Testing**
  - On-campus COVID-19 testing for students is currently available. See the testing website for details about where, when, and how you can get tested.

- **Keep in Touch with Your Instructors**
  - If you know that you are going to miss class(es) for any reason, please inform your instructor that you will be absent and for how long as soon as you can. You DO NOT need to tell the instructor if you are in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. The instructor simply needs to know that you will be out of class.

**EVENTS**

**APP ALERT**
UWRF now has an Event and Student Organization App. Download the [CORQ app](#) where you get your apps to stay up to date…now onto the events 😊

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### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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REMINDERS

- **You’ve got this.** No really, you do. You are the most resilient, kind, excited students we get the pleasure of knowing. We are so excited you are here. Whether virtual or in-person, your presence is felt.

- **Register to vote:** It’s an election year and many of you may be voting for the first time. Don’t worry, we’ve got you.
  - **Step 1: Decide where you are most motivated to vote:** your hometown, or in River Falls. You can only vote **ONCE and in ONE PLACE**.
    - **Voting in your hometown:** You can vote in your hometown by requesting an absentee ballot or voting in person on Election Day. If voting absentee, the absentee ballot will be mailed wherever you request it to be sent.
    - **Voting in River Falls:** You can vote in River Falls if you are an enrolled student living at a River Falls address (this included the residence halls).
  - **Step 2: Register!**
    - **Wisconsin** – you can also request an absentee ballot here.
    - **Minnesota** – you can also request an absentee ballot here.
    - Out-of-state student wanting to vote in your home state? Google is your best friend 😊
  - **Health and Safety:** If you are concerned about health and safety while voting:
    - Check your county website
    - Vote in-person absentee before Election Day (if applicable) to reduce time standing in line at the polls.
    - Request an absentee ballot.
  - For questions about voting, email studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu

- **Falcon Shop Sale:** Now until Friday, September 4. Show your school pride! Shop in-store or order online for in-store pick up! [Falcon Shop 20% Sale](#)

COMING UP

- **Virtual Involvement Fair**
  - Learn about one of the many student organizations we have on campus September 2-4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. virtually.
  - Each student organization and campus office will be assigned a 30-minute time slot
to present.

- **DIY Bullet Journal-RSVP Required**
  - RSVP and pick-up time required
    - 1. RSVP [here](#)
    - 2. Choose your pickup time [here](#)
    - 3. Pick up your supplies AT YOUR PICKUP TIME on Monday, September 7, in the UC (Heritage Hall).
    - 4. Tune into [Zoom](#) at 7 p.m. and be led through a step-by-step experience.

- **HOCO2020—Virtual Falcon’s Got Talent**
  - Have you always wanted to be a part of a talent show but have been a bit too nervous to perform live? Now is your chance! Submit your Falcon’s Got Talent Youtube video and get entered in the biggest virtual talent competition UWRF has ever seen (maybe the only one). The winner wins Falcon Converse and a Falcon prize pack!

**Questions or Comments**

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