CHANCELLOR’S CORNER

Congratulations, Falcons!

You have made it to finals week, after an exceptionally challenging semester. Thank you for your flexibility, resilience, hard work, kindness and your perseverance. Watch your email later this week for additional thoughts on how much I appreciate everything we have been through together and what I believe may lie ahead of us. For now, my best wishes for successful finals. Finish strong and enjoy your break. You deserve it!

With gratitude,
Connie Foster

COVID-19 UPDATES

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

- COVID-19 Testing Window
  - Students actively living in the UWRF residence halls should be testing in Hagestad Hall during the week of Dec. 14-18. This is a voluntary opportunity to get tested in advance of any plans you might have to leave campus for the holidays. You can make an appointment here. Testing and being aware of your COVID-19 status is the responsible thing to do in an effort to keep your family and friends safe. UWRF will not be providing quarantine or isolation options until spring term.
– **It might not be a cold or ‘just allergies’**
  
  – Yes, it’s true that some COVID-19 symptoms can mimic seasonal allergies or a cold, but that’s no reason to ignore them. Your peers who have tested positive for COVID-19 have reported the following very mild symptoms: snifflies and runny nose, headache, upset stomach or the chills, they can be COVID-19 symptoms masking like the seasonal flu, cold or allergies. Most admit in the post test contact tracing process that they had dismissed these specific symptoms because they were so mild.

  Also remain aware of the following COVID-19 symptoms that are often the most common: loss of smell and taste, cough, body aches and fatigue, shortness of breath. Visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information.

– **Look for answers to other frequently asked questions** [here](#).

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Stay up to date by downloading the [CORO app](#).
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REMINDERS

- **Undergraduate research, scholarly and creative activities showcased virtually**
  - The 2020 Fall Gala is Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 6-8 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Students have submitted video presentations for viewers to view here. During the event, students will be grouped into different channels where they will be able to share and further discuss their projects. Attendees will be able to join these different channels and engage with student presenters with any comments or questions they may have about a particular project. **Attendees need to register via this website by December 14 to receive the event login link.** Find more information here.

- **Take the Fall 2020 Engagement Survey**
  - Student Involvement wants to hear from you! Take our quick 5-10 minute survey and get your name entered in a drawing to win a Falcon Prize Pack! Survey closes Wednesday, December 16.

- **Spread Joy! Write a card for those living in care facilities**
  - Want to spread some joy? Take a moment to write a card for those living in care facilities. This week Student Involvement will be offering a card writing station at the Information Desk in the University Center. Just go to the desk and ask for a card. Deliver them back to the Information Desk when you are done and they will be delivered to a care facility in River Falls. Not on campus, no problem! Send your cards to:
    Elise Peters, UWRF Student Involvement, 410 S. 3rd St., River Falls, WI 54022 and we will deliver your cards.

- **Fall Textbook Return**
  - If your textbook is no longer needed, you can drop it off at one of the following locations:
- The book drop outside of Hagestad Hall, open 24/7.
- The book drop in the basement of Hagestad Hall to the left of Textbook Services (29 Hagestad).
- Collection bins on each of the three levels of the Davee Library lobby.
- Collection bin in the University Center.
- **All items checked out from Textbook Services are due back by December 22.**
  - If you are unable to physically return your books to campus, mail your items to:
    - UW-River Falls
      Textbook Services
      410 S. 3rd Street
      River Falls, WI 54022
    - Books that are mailed must be postmarked by December 22 to be considered returned on time. **Overdue and lost fees will apply.**
  - If you have any questions concerning book return, email textbookservices@uwrf.edu.

- **Voice of the People Book Club, “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez**
  - The Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Office is offering a monthly book club showcasing various authors and topics. This month's topic, "Celebrating Latinx Voices," features the book “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez. For more information or to request a FREE copy of the book, click here. If questions, email inclusion@uwrf.edu

**COMING UP**

- **J-Term—TAKE A BREAK! You deserve it!**

**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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