FALCON WEEKLY

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Falcon Weekly is a weekly email to students to keep up to date with the latest happenings on campus.

COVID-19 UPDATES

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

- **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. Please log into your portal and click around to get familiar with its functions.

- **Testing Exemption**
  - Off-campus students who are completing all classes online and do not have to come to campus for any reason, may request an exception through our online portal at [https://covid19.uwrf.edu/](https://covid19.uwrf.edu/). Exception requests can be filed under the Test Obligations page. Please choose 100% online learner as your reason.

- **Look for answers to other frequently asked questions here.**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Stay up to date by downloading the [CORQ app](https://corqapp.com)

**FEBRUARY**

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REMINDERS

- **New Strategic Plan - Your input on our future matters.**
  - The next step in strategic planning at UW-River Falls is to gather thoughts and feedback from employees, **students**, and community members. Listening to the hopes and aspirations for what each of these groups would like to see in place at UWRWF in four-years will help us create a practical vision – a shared foundation from which we can work going forward. If you haven't yet done so, please sign up for the student visioning workshop on Thursday, February 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at this link.

- **Navigating the Semester**
  - Feeling overwhelmed by the mounting messages in your inbox? Getting too many directions from too many people? Wouldn't it be nice if there was an app on your phone that could help you navigate your college experience? Well, there is. Download the Navigate Student app. Keep all of your reminders and to-dos in one place; schedule appointments with advisers and tutors; find a study buddy, and much more.

- **Voice of the People Book Club – “Such A Fun Age” by Kiley Reid**
  - The Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Office is offering a monthly book club showcasing various authors and topics. This month’s topic, Celebrating Black Voices, features the book “Such a Fun Age” by Kiley Reid. For more information or to request a FREE copy of the book, **click here**. If questions, email inclusion@uwrf.edu

- **Spring Commencement**
  - We are in the process of analyzing our options for what the May 1 commencement ceremony will look like. With kudos to our commencement committee and the communications and productions teams who have put together some wonderful virtual ceremonies, we are now hoping that this spring might see us doing something that feels more like a traditional ceremony – with many health and safety protocols in place. Nothing has been finalized yet, however, and much will depend on how well we control the spread of COVID-19 in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more updates.

- **Fall Semester 2021 – A Return to a Traditional Fall Semester**
• Based on an analysis of the predicted future trajectory of the COVID-19 virus and the timing of the rollout of mass vaccines, we have decided to plan for a traditional fall semester. We don’t have all of the details yet but will be sure to update the campus community as they take shape.

• **Calling All Student Org Leaders!**
  • Are you a part of your student organization leadership team? Make sure you are reading the weekly [Student Organization Newsletter](mailto:studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu). This newsletter will keep you up to date with upcoming deadlines, student organization updates and more. If you currently are not receiving this newsletter and would like to, please email [studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu](mailto:studentinvolvement@uwrf.edu)

• **Work as at OTL**
  • New Student and Family Programs is now accepting applications for Orientation and Transition Leaders (OTLs) for New Student Registration and the Week of Welcome. Be one of the first faces to welcome students to campus! For more information and job description (including the required work dates) see the job application in Handshake [https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/4385082](https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/4385082). For any other questions please email [nsfp@uwrf.edu](mailto:nsfp@uwrf.edu).

**COMING UP**

• **Fire Pit Fridays**
  • This week’s Fire Pit Friday has been cancelled due to weather. Be sure to check [@uwrfgetinvolved](https://twitter.com/uwrfgetinvolved) social media channel to get the most up-to-date information.
  • Every Friday in February come hang at your personal fire pit for up to one hour. Get a crew of friends (up to six) together, bundle up, and get ready for s'mores, cocoa, and good times.
    • NO ONLINE RESERVATIONS--walk-ups only. Students must check-in with Student Involvement to reserve a pit.
    • Masks are to be always worn unless eating/drinking.
    • If it is below zero, Fire Pit Friday will be cancelled and students will be notified via social media.

• **Opt Outside: Candlelight Hike – RESCHEDULED to February 20 (RSVP)**
  • Enjoy the beauty of winter with an on-campus candle lit hike. Grab your friend, partner, or self and explore the magic of campus by candlelight.
  • Event requires pre-registration so we can manage the number of people on the trail at any given time. Sign-up will go live on Monday, Feb. 15, at noon.
• The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. Again, with colder temps, please tune into @uwrfgetinvolved social media to stay up to date.

• **Makers Night - Cheese Tasting - February 15 (RSVP)**
  • We love cheese, yes, we do, we love cheese, how about you? Join us for a proper cheese tasting. We will be joined by a current UWRF student who participates on the Dairy Products Sensory Evaluation Team to lead us through an evening of all things cheese. Learn about cheese, try some of your favorites and rate them. Let’s find out what cheese is UWRF’s favorite! RSVP is required and will go live on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at noon. Note: Due to the perishable nature of the cheese, we will not be able to send kits to those off campus. If you would like to join, feel free to shoot us an email to get the types of cheeses we will be tasting and join the Zoom event to learn about them.

• **UWRF Career Fair - February 17**
  • UWRF Career Services would like to invite you to participate in the Spring 2021 Virtual Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Career Fair is open to all UWRF students and alumni.
  • The Career Fair is an excellent way for students and alumni to network with employers from a variety of organizations along with the UWRF graduate schools. Students and alumni benefit from attending by gathering information on organizations and possible job or internship opportunities and enhancing professional communications skills from speaking with company representatives. Many individuals obtain jobs or internships as a result of attending the Career Fair.
  • **Attending Organizations**
    • A full list of attending organizations can be viewed at https://www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair/Students/AttendingOrganizations.cfm

**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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