New Student Center Opening!

The long awaited opening of the new student center has finally arrived! Beginning in late April, the student center will be open during select hours for students to experience what the facility has to offer. This soft opening will include facility tours, intramural tournaments and student activities. The grand opening will take place in the fall.

Among the benefits of this addition to our campus is the introduction of a new home court for our varsity basketball and volleyball teams. The gymnasium has a seating capacity in excess of 500 spectators, allowing students to come out and show their Wildcat pride.

Clubs and organizations will benefit from the new facility as well, with ample space available for promotions, fundraisers and events. Other amenities include a multi-purpose group fitness studio, a fully equipped workout center and a student entertainment space. Kick-off events will begin the week of April 25 (see schedule below). Events will run through the end of the month and continue until the start of spring term exams. Encourage your student to be a part of history as we open the doors of the new student center for the first time!

**April 27:** Basketball All-Star Festivities (8-11pm)  
Coffee House (8pm-10pm)  
**April 28:** Intramural Basketball Playoff Games (8pm-11pm)  
**April 29:** Student vs. Faculty/Staff Basketball Game (4pm)  
Basketball All-Star Contest Finals (5:15pm)  
Intramural Basketball Championship Game (6:30pm)
Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness

Health & Counseling Services designated April as Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness month. In partnership with Anuvia Prevention and Recovery Center, flags were displayed in the Academic Center courtyard reflecting the number of DWI charges filed in Mecklenburg County last year. National Alcohol Screening Day was observed by conducting alcohol screenings on campus on April 7. A Maui Waui Tiki Hut will be on campus April 27, serving non-alcoholic smoothies while challenging students to consider the amount of alcohol they would be consuming had the smoothies been alcoholic drinks. The event will also focus on alcoholic energy drinks and risk for sexual assault while impaired.

Human Resource Class Shares Their Knowledge

The new Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Charlotte, opening this month, will provide a home away from home for families of seriously ill children during their treatment at local hospitals. The Junior League of Charlotte, Inc. has assembled a volunteer force to assist with various duties within the RMH including front desk/reception, guest services and housekeeping. A portion of the volunteers’ extensive training included tips on providing excellent guest service by associate professor Scott King’s human resource class. With their newfound knowledge, the volunteers eagerly await opening day.

Queen City Professional Invitational
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On April 1, twenty industry professionals and more than forty students from our campus, Belmont Abbey, College of Charleston and St. Petersburg Community College participated in the 2nd Annual Queen City Professional Invitational, hosted by Johnson & Wales University College of Business, Office of Student Activities and Collegiate DECA. The invitational can best be described as a conference/academic competition. Participating students competed in one of the following academic competitions: Advertising campaign, business-to-business marketing, fashion merchandising & retail marketing, hospitality, human resource management, restaurant & food service management, and sports & entertainment marketing. The panels of judges were comprised of Charlotte’s finest industry professionals and JWU staff.

After the students competed in their chosen academic category, there was a leadership workshop, a networking lunch, a guest speaker and a grand awards ceremony where the top three competitors in each category were recognized and given a plaque, trophy or medal. Approximately ten JWU students staffed the event to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Next year the hope is to increase the participant base by twenty percent.

Take a look at the April student life calendar for current events and activities!