Happy New Year!

2011-2012 FAFSA Application

Students are encouraged to take the following steps to ensure the timely processing of financial awards for the 2011-2012 academic year. Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is as easy as 1-2-3...

1. Register for pin numbers at www.pin.ed.gov.


There are three methods available for filing a FAFSA:

- Login to apply online
- Complete a PDF FAFSA (which must be mailed for processing)
- Request a paper FAFSA by calling (800) 433-3243 or (319) 337-5665

3. Students should check their link.jwu.edu account for documentation requests to finalize their 2011-2012 award.

Sport Clubs

Sport clubs are student-led clubs open to the student body and run throughout the academic year. Flag football and ice hockey are just two of the ten active sport clubs on the Charlotte Campus. The ice hockey club is currently in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference and will compete against ten different colleges and universities this season. This December, the flag football club realized their ultimate goal of playing in the national championships in New Orleans. They prepared themselves by holding practices and matches against local college clubs.

This is an exciting time for JWU athletics! Click here to learn more about varsity sports, sport clubs and intramurals.

Reminder: Spring Break Dates

Winter term classes end Friday, February 25 and the spring term classes will begin on Tuesday, March 8. The residence halls will remain open during the spring break.

Take a look at the January student life calendar for current events and activities!
Housing Selection Process

With the new year comes housing selection for the next academic year! Due to the two-year residency requirement, the housing selection process for current freshman differs from the selection process for upperclassmen. Residential Life encourages you to remind your student to follow these steps to secure a room for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**If your student is currently a first year/freshmen student:**

1. They should pay their $50 room reservation fee online at link.jwu.edu or in Student Financial Services. The $50 is not a deposit. It's a reservation fee and equates to a $50 credit on the student’s bill. **The $50 fee should be paid between Tuesday, January 18 and Monday, January 31.** Unfortunately, the fee cannot be accepted after January 31 (but a second housing selection process will take place during the spring term).

2. Once the fee has been paid, students will receive an email from Residential Life within two business days. The email will explain the application process; however, it is important to remind your student to complete the online housing application no later than **February 2.** Without an application, they will be unable to select a room in February.

3. On **February 4,** a second email will be sent out with the randomly selected day and time your student may log in to link.jwu.edu and select their room. As in years past, your student may "pull in" other students into their room/apartment or they may be "pulled in" to a friend's room/apartment, space permitting.

4. If for some reason your student does not complete the selection process this time, there will be a second room selection process during the spring term.

5. Even if your student thinks they may be away for an internship during the fall term, we encourage them to select a room as plans can sometimes change. Residential Life will remove fall internship students from their housing assignment if necessary.

**If your student is currently a second year/sophomore, third year/junior or returning senior:**

1. They should enter the upperclassmen lottery, as a limited number of spaces will be available. This year, Residential Life has designated 130 beds in City View Towers for third and fourth year students.

2. To enter the lottery, your student should pay a $50 room reservation fee online at link.jwu.edu or in Student Financial Services. The $50 is not a deposit. It’s a reservation fee and equates to a $50 credit on the student’s bill. **The $50 fee should be paid between Tuesday, January 18 and Monday, January 31.** Unfortunately, the fee cannot be accepted after January 31.

3. In mid-February, the lottery will take place and all students who were selected will be notified via email. Residential Life will also notify those students not selected and explain further options.

4. The room selection process for those selected in the lottery will take place on Friday, March 11 from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the University Events Center (UEC). The student must be present in the UEC in order to select a room. Students involved in an internship experience and unable to attend may select a proxy to represent them.

5. It is important to note that students selected in the lottery may "pull in" other students who registered for the lottery; therefore, not all 130 individuals selected may get a room. It is also important to know that Residential Life maintains a wait list and they were able to accommodate all students on the wait list this past academic year.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Residential Life at (980) 598-1800.