



SHOCKER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2025



Spring Break

By the time spring break rolls around, students are feeling weary. WSU's Office of Student Engagement & Belonging offers great options for students to blow off steam while building a better community through civic engagement and volunteer opportunities.

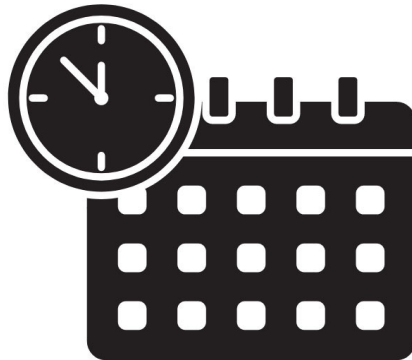
During spring break, it's important for students to look out for each other. Encourage your student to use the "buddy system" when they are out with friends. Keep in contact with your student over the break and remind them to keep their eye on the prize — another successful semester.

How Can Families Help?

- Encourage your student to think through potential consequences of spring break activities.
- If they haven't already, your student should be scheduling an advising appointment to begin the enrollment process for next semester.
- Try to strike a balance between serious discussions about future planning/choices with your student and finding time to just enjoy each

other's company.

- If your student is worried about how their semester is going, remind them about campus resources including [Supplemental Instruction](#), [Student Success](#), [tutoring](#) and [advisors](#). [Professors](#) are always open to helping students get on track. Now is the time to ask for help!



April 4 Last day to officially withdraw from a full-semester class with a "W"

If your student is struggling in a class encourage them to meet with their professor and [Academic Advisor](#) before April 4th

- **April 7th Registration Opens** Now is the the time for students to start meeting with their advisors for Summer and Fall Semesters

Campus Housing News



Room Selection season is coming soon! Students will receive an email one week before their timeslot opens for Room Selection. At that time, or any time after, students can login to their Housing Portal through MyWSU and open their 2025-26 Academic Year Application.

Don't worry if your student is busy at the time they are assigned, the timeslot is simply the first time a student can login to complete Room Selection but will be open any time after as well.

Only students who have completed the application, paid the \$75 application fee, and paid the \$200 pre-payment will receive a Room Selection timeslot email. Once these three steps are completed, a student will go through Room Selection at the appropriate time. See timeline below.

Room Selection Timeline

- **Third & Fourth Week of March-** Returning Students, LLC, and Gender Inclusive applicants begin their room selection based on their complete date
- **Second Week of April-** New Student applicants begin general room selection based on their complete date
- **Fourth Week of April-** Open room selection begins for all students who have applied later or have not received a timeslot at this point

Off Campus Housing

Is your student planning on moving off campus next year? WSU has partnered with College Pads to help families find off campus housing!



It's Time to Schedule and Academic Advising Appointment

Enrollment for fall 2025 begins April 7, 2025! Classes tend to fill up quickly so now is a great time for your student to schedule an academic advising appointment. Academic advisors are partners with your student to promote their success and help them graduate in a timely manner. While scheduling classes is one area advisors work with students, it is a critical piece as academic advisors have professional training to ensure they are informed on the nuances of academic major and graduation requirements.

Additionally, academic advisors form partnerships with students in the following ways:

- Assist students to set short- and long-term goals.
- Provide career information regarding the degree fields of interest.
- Inform students about university policies and procedures important to a student's progress.
- Draw upon a comprehensive knowledge of campus resources and assist students in referral and access to such services.

Your student can schedule an advising appointment via Navigate (found on the myWSU portal). Not sure who their advisor is? Go to

wichita.edu/advising and click on "Find Your Academic Advisor".



OneStop Student Services is here 24/7

Have questions about financial aid? Paying a bill? Enrollment? OneStop Student Services is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Students keep “unique” schedules and we are here to answer questions on demand. Below are answers to questions you may have.

Q. Who do you work with? *We work with all enrolled students from the time they register for the first time through graduation and grad school. If you are an enrolled student at Wichita State, we are here for you.*

Q. Will I be talking to a bot? *No, you will be talking/chatting with a real person.*

Q. How do you know it's really me? *Students are required to create a OneStop Access Code and answer a series of questions of so we can authenticate it is truly them. This allows us to provide security to student data and ensure we provide accurate information to the correct person.*

Q. Can I, the parent, access this? *It depends. Once students enroll in college they are protected by the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Students have to give parents/guardians/step parents permission to see or hear about the student record. If you don't have access but want it, please talk to your student about signing you up through the myWSU portal. Remember, their decision is protected by federal law so even if you are paying for their schooling, they can say no.*

Q. Do you help students set up payment plans, make payments, etc.? *We provide them with the tools to do so, included written, email instructions, but they are required to set these up. If a student is at a computer, we'll stay on the line while they set it up and confirm it worked but ultimately, it's the students responsibility.*

Have other questions? Feel free to email us at onestop@wichita.edu. Good

luck with the rest of the semester!

Student Health Services

Measles Update:

For up-to-date information on Measles Cases in Texas and other parts of the US:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html>.

As of February 28th, 2025 this site shows zero active measles cases in Kansas. Two doses of the MMR or MMRV vaccine are recommended by doctors as the best way to protect against measles, mumps, and rubella. Look at you and your child's immunization records to make sure that there are 2 doses of MMR and MMRV at least 28 days apart. One dose of MMR vaccine is 93% effective against measles with TWO doses 97% effective against measles. International travel could be facilitating the spread of the measles outbreak as having cases of active disease in some countries is still common. Protect yourself with vaccination.

U.S. Cases in 2025

Total cases = **164**

Age

Under 5 years: **55 (34%)**

5-19 years: **79 (48%)**

20+ years: **29 (18%)**

Age unknown: **1 (1%)**

Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated or Unknown: **95%**

One MMR dose: **3%**

Two MMR doses: **2%**

Measles

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY INCLUDE


- High fever (may spike to more than 104° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin



VISITING ANOTHER COUNTRY? PROTECT YOUR FAMILY.

THINK MEASLES.

Measles is widespread in places like Europe, Africa, Asia, India, and the Philippines.




BEFORE YOU TRAVEL
Tell your doctor where you are traveling. Babies and children may need measles protection at a younger age than usual.

AFTER YOU TRAVEL
Call your doctor if anyone gets a fever and rash within 3 weeks of returning from your trip. Describe where you traveled.

✂ **Talk with your doctor if you are planning an international trip.**
For more information go to www.cdc.gov/travel.

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SHOCKER STORE

GARAGE

SALE

MARCH 21 - 22
11 A.M.-7 P.M.
BRAEBURN SQUARE STORE

SAVE 30-70% ON SELECT SHOCKER GEAR!

Shocker Store Garage Sale at Braeburn Square

Come find some great deals at the Shocker Store Garage Sale! On March 21 & 22, the Braeburn Square location will have select Shocker gear priced 30-70% off. Store hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. both days. We'll see you there!

Shocker Career Accelerator



🔍 Resource Spotlight: PathwayU – Helping Your Shocker Find Their Path
Is your student unsure about their career direction? The Shocker Career Accelerator provides PathwayU, a powerful tool designed to help them explore careers and academic programs that align with their interests, values, and work preferences.

With PathwayU, students can:

- ✓ Take career assessments tailored to their unique personality
 - ✓ Discover career matches and gain insights into different occupations
 - ✓ Explore Wichita State programs that support their career goals
- Encourage your Shocker to use PathwayU and take the next step toward a fulfilling future! Learn more at Wichita.edu/PathwayU.



Forward Together

Monthly Update from President Muma.

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Campus Events

We have a lot of events on campus! Encourage your student to get involved!

[View full list of Events](#)

Important Academic Dates

- March 12** - First 8-week courses end
Mid-semester point
- March 12** - Second 8-week courses
begin
- March 15** - Last day to add a second 8-
week course
- March 17-23** - Spring Break - offices
open
- March 18** - Last day to drop a second 8-
week course with a 100% refund
- April 4** - Last day to officially withdraw
from a full-semester
course with a "W"
- April 7** - Summer and Fall early
registration begins
- April 25** - Last day to withdraw from a
second 8-week course with a "W"
- May 8** - Last day of classes
- May 9** - Study Day
- May 10-15** - Final examinations
- May 17** - Spring Commencement

Shocker Must Haves for your Student

- Blackboard**
Blackboard.wichita.edu
- myWSU**
mywsu.wichita.edu
- ShockerSync**
Shockersync.wichita.edu
- Shocker Alert**
wichita.edu/shockeralert
- Handshake**
wichita.edu/handshake
- myStop**
wichita.edu/shuttle
- Help Desk**
wichita.edu/helpdesk
- Report It**
wichita.edu/reportit

Full Academic Calendar

**Check out all the events
that are happening
around campus**

Event Calendar

Connect with Us

Shocker Family Network Group

Connect with other Shocker Families [@ShockerFamilyNetwork](#) for a member-led discussion group to get connected and get your questions answered by other Shocker Family members!



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