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SHOCKER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Moving Forward

Another year of college — maybe the first — is under your student's belt. Many students choose to take summer courses to get ahead or to try out new subject areas. You and your student should be mindful of the fact that summer courses can be more demanding than those in the spring or fall; this is because the same amount of material must be covered in a shorter amount of time. Students may want to consider consulting with their academic advisor before enrolling in summer classes.

Summer is a quieter time to take stock of the past year and readjust if needed. Expect students to push for even more independence and be increasingly future-oriented. This will inevitably create changing dynamics in the family. Take time to listen to each other's perspectives, set boundaries where necessary, and compromise with each other as much as possible. Remember, adjustments take time, and your student has developed some new perspectives from which the whole family can benefit.

How Can Families Help?

- Review the events of the past academic year together. Identify successes and problem areas and ask your student for feedback about how they plan to adjust.
- Review your student's financial needs for the coming year. Evaluate changes that may be needed for money management.
- Increase expectations for your student's personal decision making and taking care of academic/career responsibilities.

- Encourage your student to visit the Shocker Career Accelerator for assistance in exploring career and work-based learning opportunities.
- Continue to express confidence in your student's ability to be a successful Wichita State Shocker!

Conversation Starters

- What resources did you find helpful on campus this year? Which ones would you like to use in the coming year?
- What can your family do to help you succeed?



Welcome to Shocker Nation! As your student prepares for New Student Orientation this summer, we want to ensure you have all the information you need to support them during this exciting transition. Click the link below to discover what to expect at orientation, including key sessions, resources, and tips for both parents and students.

What to Expect at New Student Orientation

**Join Us for Shocker Family
Table Talks**



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TABLE TALK

Calling all new Shocker families! Join us for Shocker Family Table Talk, a live, virtual Q&A session with campus experts! We will be covering the topics listed below:

All sessions will be held at 6 p.m. via Facebook Live and YouTube Live

- June 4 YOUR SHOCKER'S NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- June 10 YOUR SHOCKER'S FIRST YEAR
- June 17 DISCUSSION WITH THE DEAN: COHEN HONORS COLLEGE AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
- June 25 YOUR SHOCKER'S HEALTH
- July 1 YOUR SHOCKER'S STUDENT EXPERIENCE : GREEK LIFE & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
- July 9 YOUR SHOCKER'S PARENT ACCESS AND TEXTBOOKS
- July 15 YOUR SHOCKER'S ACCOMMODATIONS
- July 17 YOUR SHOCKER'S FINANCES
- July 22 YOUR SHOCKER'S FIRST GENERATION & FAMILY SUPPORT
- July 29 YOUR SHOCKER'S BASIC NEEDS

learn more and find links at wichita.edu/sftt

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Is your student new to WSU? Engage with and learn more about various university services and programs via our Parent Family Table Talk series. You will be able to partake in a live, online session, to learn about academics, life on campus, and belonging at WSU.

Sign Up

Campus Housing



In the next couple of weeks Students will receive an email notification to explain how to sign up for a move-in timeslot.

- In order to sign up for move-in, students must be compliant with the Meningitis Vaccine requirement. They can upload their documents on the Student Health Portal. A link can be found in their Housing application to get to the Student Health portal.

Move-In begins Saturday, August 9.

Student Health Services

Summer is the time to get caught up on annual physical exams, medication refills, and updating vaccinations like meningitis, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, and Covid. Get some sleep, have fun, and mentally recover!

Reminder - Students who were enrolled in the spring semester can also be seen at Student Health over the summer, even if they are not taking classes in the summer.

Tuberculosis Screening & Testing

Student Health Services (SHS) is required by State of Kansas law (K.S.A. 65-129e and K.S.A. 65-129f) to complete tuberculosis screening of all new WSU students.

- TB screening identifies individuals who may be at increased risk of tuberculosis infection
- A link will be sent to your myWSU email account after you have registered for orientation. Please check your email and click on the link to fill out the information as indicated.
- If no email is sent, please log into your myWSU account and click on the "Tuberculosis Survey" link.
- The online screening must be completed regardless of any previous documentation submitted to SHS.
- **Failure to complete screening will result in a "hold" on your myWSU account.**
- Students requiring a follow-up will be contacted by Student Health Services.



Meningitis Documentation Requirement

- ❖ Housing and Residence Life requires students living in on-campus housing to prove documentation of a current meningitis vaccination **OR** signed waiver before taking occupancy of their room
- ❖ To meet this requirement: Submit documentation of a Meningococcal Type ACYW vaccine that was administered **AFTER THE AGE OF 16.**
- ❖ Documentation of immunization records can be uploaded to myShockerhealth portal. www.wichita.edu/uploadhealthdocs

Financial Aid



Summer 2025 Financial Aid

Enrolled students can complete a 2025 Summer Financial Aid Application in their myWSU student portal. The deadline to apply for summer financial aid is **July 11, 2025**.

2025-2026 FAFSA - Apply Now

Remind your student that now is the time to finalize the financial aid process to ensure their financial aid disburses on time in August and avoid delays. If they have not already completed their FAFSA for next year, the 2025-2026 FAFSA is available at studentaid.gov.

2025-2026 Financial Aid Offers

Students should check their Financial Aid Dashboard in their myWSU student portal to review any "Unsatisfied Requirements" that may prevent financial aid offers. Financial aid offers for returning students will begin in mid-June after spring semester grades have been reviewed.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals

Priority Date for Fall 2025 SAP Appeals: **July 27, 2025**

Deadline for Fall 2025 SAP Appeals: **August 29, 2025**

OneStop Student Services

As your child prepares to attend Wichita State University, please ensure that their final high school transcript and, if applicable, their final college transcript from concurrent enrollment at another college, is sent directly from the institution to the university at admissions@wichita.edu. These documents are required for proper credit evaluation and transfer. Please contact the high school or college registrar to request the transcripts as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about this process or need more information, contact OneStop Student Services at 316-978-7440 or come in person to the Shocker Success Center, Suite 104. We look forward to continuing to serve Shockers as they move forward in their college experience.

Campus News



Forward Together

Monthly Update from President Muma.

Read the Latest Edition

Listen to the Lates Podcast

Important Academic Dates

June 2 - Eight-Week Session Classes Begin

June 3 - Last day to change your enrollment in class from "credit" to "audit"

June 4 - Last Day for 100% Refund for Eight-Week Classes

July 1- Spring diplomas available

July 4- Independence Day Holiday - Offices Closed

July 9- Last day to drop an eight-week with a "W"

July 27- Last day of classes. Final examinations, at the discretion of the instructor.

Shocker Must Haves for your Student

Blackboard

[Blackboard.wichita.edu](https://blackboard.wichita.edu)

myWSU

mywsu.wichita.edu

ShockerSync

[Shockersync.wichita.edu](https://shockersync.wichita.edu)

Shocker Alert

wichita.edu/shockeralert

Shocker Central

wichita.edu/shockercentral

myStop

wichita.edu/shuttle

Help Desk

wichita.edu/helpdesk

Report It

wichita.edu/reportit

Full Summer Academic 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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