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BLUGOLD NUGGETS OCTOBER 2011

October brings lots of changes for students, the earth, and all of us! Students might start to feel academic pressure as those first exams and assignments are due and offer some feedback. People have been living together for about a month now and that can bring the end to a “honeymoon period”. Friendships have evolved and developed, relationships may have begun or ended, and likely everyone is working their way into a new routine. Most of the change students are experiencing is good, but if you’ve got questions or concerns we have another great opportunity for you talk with students, staff and other parents at our 2nd “Parent and Family” chat on Wednesday evening October 26th. Please join us from 7:00-8:30pm to discuss anything your student might be experiencing. This is a subscription service so if you’d like to share it with other family member or stop receiving just click on [subscribe](#) or [unsubscribe](#).

PARENTS WEEKEND

Hello Parents!

This is a just a reminder that Parents’ Weekend is just around the corner. Registration materials are due Oct 12th. [Click here to download registration information.](#)

Friday evening there will be a Casino Night at Higherground and as always, Team Trivia at the BBC. On Saturday we have our annual Physics Demonstrations courtesy of Dr. Erik Hendrickson and Planetarium Shows sponsored by the UWEC Planetarium. Families are also invited to take part in **The Saving Race**, a 5K fun run/walk sponsored by [The Center for Alcohol Studies and Education](#). If you are interested, sign up for the Football Game when the UWEC Blugolds meet the UWSP Pointers. Later Saturday we will have a dinner buffet with live piano music. Shortly to follow, the Entertainment Showcase will not disappoint as we watch an opening juggling act and the our headliner hypnotist. Sunday, we will wrap up with a brunch buffet. Should you have any questions, please visit the [Housing and Residence Life Website](#).

Happy October!

CAMPUS MAP

Dates to Remember

- October 3- 14
Winterim Registration
- Friday, Oct. 21 - 23
Parents Weekend
- Wednesday, Oct. 26th
Fall Parent Chat

MONEY MATTERS



Business Office

Paying Tuition – Fall Semester

If the student elected to participate in our partial payment plan, the remaining balance of their bill, plus finance charges, are due on *Friday, October 21, 2011*. Students will be emailed when their bill is available to be viewed in MyBlugold CampS.

Winterim Registration Deposit

Winterim Registration begins October 3, 2011.

Winterim Session payments due in full by January 3, 2012.

Spring Registration Deposit

Spring Registration begins October 26, 2011 for graduate students and November 2, 2011 for undergraduate students. A \$100 registration deposit is required prior to registering for classes.

STUDY ABROAD



Did you know that nearly 25% of a UW-Eau Claire graduating class will have studied abroad? Students from all academic disciplines, from Arts & Sciences to Nursing, Business to Education, participate. They can go for as little as a month or as much as an academic year. They can even study abroad multiple times. The current record holder has studied in Argentina, China, South Korea, and is spending this fall in England!

About 40% of our students study abroad as sophomore, 40% as juniors, and 20% as seniors. Students who go earlier tend to fulfill general education requirements while abroad. The further along a student is in their academic career, the more carefully they need to look at programs that match their major or minor.

Students have lots of opportunities to learn about study abroad and how it can work for them. The Center for International Education holds weekly information sessions during the first half of fall semester. The annual Study Abroad Fair, to be held this year on Thursday, October 13, gives students the opportunity to talk with students and faculty who have participated on all of the programs, as well as many of our international liaisons from our partner universities abroad. In the weeks following the Fair, students can attend regional panels that compare and contrast program in a particular geographic region.

All of this activity leads to our first application deadline: November 15 is the priority deadline for programs that begin the following summer, fall or academic year. April 1 is the priority deadline for the following winterim or spring.

More program details, as well as our on-line application, can be found on our website:

<http://www.uwec.edu/cie/studyabroad/>

Tidbits from the Dean

Each month we will be featuring information from the Dean of Students, Brian Carlisle, J.D.



University Absence Policy

During the academic year parents, families and students often have questions regarding the class attendance/class absence policy at the University.

In an attempt to clarify the University's absence policy, the Dean of Students office protocol for authorized absences, which is also available online at <http://www.uwec.edu/DOS/policies/attendance.htm> is being provided to you. If you have questions about this protocol, please feel free to contact our office at (715) 836-5626.

Protocol for Authorized Absences

For all absences, the student is responsible for contacting professors individually or through the professors' departments. If a student will be absent for illness, medical reasons, or exceptional personal reasons for three (3) or more consecutive class days, the Dean of Students Office may be asked to notify professors regarding the student's absences. Students will be required to provide verifiable documentation regarding the reason for the absences to the Dean of Students Office. Though notification may be provided by the Dean of Students Office, arrangements for make-up work, make-up exams, or possible assignment adjustments are the responsibility of the student.

It is not the practice of the Dean of Students Office to document short-term illness, medical reasons, or personal reasons that have caused a student to miss class for less than three days. If the student is absent fewer than three days, it is his/her responsibility to contact his/her instructors personally, or leave a message with the department program associate. The Dean of Students Office will notify *instructors when the student is absent for fewer than three days if the reason for the absence is exceptional family or personal emergency or a death in the family.*

If you meet the conditions above, please use the [online absence](#) form to report your absence to the Dean of Students Office. Documentation must be provided by one of the following methods: email deanofstudents@uwec.edu, fax (715) 836-5911, or deliver it to Schofield 240. If additional documentation is required or there are questions, a member of our staff will contact you.

THE SAVING RACE 5K RUN/WALK

The Center for Alcohol Studies and Education will sponsor the sixth annual "Saving Race" on Saturday, October 22nd, to coincide with UW-Eau Claire's Parents Weekend. In honor of friends who take care of one another, this year's theme again is "Be an Everyday Hero".

Participants are encouraged to come dressed as a superhero, prizes will be awarded for the best costumed superhero individuals and teams. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Haas Fine Arts Center parking lot, and the race begins at 10a.m. Runners are encouraged to register on line at www.uwec.edu/case. All pre-registered runners are guaranteed a race t-shirt.

The Saving Race is held in memory of Michael Noll and all other UW-Eau Claire students who have died in alcohol-related tragedies. Proceeds from the event help support CASE's peer education efforts to reduce high-risk drinking and its negative consequences.



Where Do I Live Next Year?

It seems early to ask this question but many students are under the mistaken impression that they need to “get all the good housing before it’s gone”. The truth is there are many housing options available including living on campus. Off campus landlords are already contacting current tenants to see if they are staying next year and marketing to new students. If a current living situation is not ideal, it can be tempting to sign leases now for next year. If a student signs a lease now it usually begins June 1st and will run through May of 2013. We hope you help us encourage students to really think carefully about their choices and we offer the following resources:

Key dates:

October 12 – H.O.U.S.E Day – opportunity for students to meet with area landlords and learn about local ordinances <http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/eventsservices/houseday.htm>

November 1 – Applications for Chancellors hall will be emailed to all current students

November 11- Priority deadline for Chancellors applications

Feb/March – Housing and Residence Life room sign up

May 1 – Deadline for release from University Housing Contract

Helpful Resources:

Housing and Residence life Website (LINK): www.uwec.edu/housing/index.htm - This site highlights all current on-campus options available to students.

UW- Eau Claire off-campus Living Website (LINK): <http://www.uwec.edu/offcampus.htm> This site was prepared by student senate to give students easy access to local renting information and regulations.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Now is the time to begin thinking about NSE participation for the 2012-2013 academic year. It is never too early to begin talking to your student about National Student Exchange. National Student Exchange is a great opportunity for your student to study at one of 200 different universities in the United States, Canada, Guam, Virgin Islands and Puer-to Rico. UW-Eau Claire students pay tuition to UW-Eau Claire (same as if they were a student here) while earning resi-dent credits at their host institution. NSE participants must be full-time students with a minimum 2.5 GPA, in good standing (academic, personal and financially), and have completed at least 30 credits at the time of the exchange. Suc-cessful NSE applicants also are flexible, goal oriented and curious. Participating in NSE is a wonderful way for students to develop academically and personally. [Click here to check out the program](#)

For more information ask your student to attend one of the information sessions



Day	Date	Time	Room
Wednesday	October 26, 2011	1:00 PM	Badger
Tuesday	November 8, 2011	11:00 AM	Presidents
Monday	November 14, 2011	5:00 PM	Badger
Thursday	November 17, 2011	3:00 PM	Badger
Thursday	December 15, 2011	11:00 AM	Badger
Friday	January 27, 2012	Noon	Presidents

Explore your Possibilities 2011

It's never too early to start thinking about post-college success. Every year UW-Eau Claire's Career Services office host a week-long event to get students of all ages thinking about their options. Explore Your Possibilities Week brings together faculty and area professionals to share their expertise on everything from what student can do with a certain major, to how they can land their first internship experience. There



will be over 30 sessions featuring panel discussions and more held between Tuesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 20th in the Davies Center. This is a must attend event. 2011 will feature Keynote Speaker, Mike Treske, President of John Hancock Wood Logan and proud UW-Eau Claire Alumni.

Students can pre-register at www.possibilitypete.org

REGISTERING FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Registration for second semester will come sooner than many think! Registration will take place from November 2 through December 2th. With a few exceptions, students register according to the number of credits they have, with seniors registering first. Second semester freshmen will start registering around Thanksgiving. It is crucial to start thinking about registration much sooner than that. Here is some important information you can share with your students.

- The Class Schedule for winterim and spring are available on-line in MyBlugold CampS.
- On October 7 students will be **emailed** information about their registration time. They can check out their exact time on MyBlugold CampS.
- All students must pay \$100 deposit for spring semester **prior to registering**. This goes toward the spring semester tuition.
- All students with fewer than 60 earned credits as well as all students in academic difficulty must see an adviser and receive their PAC (personal advising code) prior to registering. Students in the College of Business must see an adviser every semester. In reality, *all students should see an adviser before registering*. **Please encourage your students to make these appointments early.**
- Students who want to change their major should do it *before* they register so they can talk with their new adviser. Information on how to do that can be found on the [Registration website](#).
- Students who are considering changing a major can get a "[What-if degree audit](#)" for the major they are considering.
- Registration appointment times for winterim are October 3- 17, depending on the students classification. A separate \$100 deposit is required.

Academic Calendar

2011-2012 Academic Year

October 3: Spring semester schedule of classes available on MyBlugold

October 3-14: Winterim priority registration; \$100 down payment required; PAC's not required.

Week of October 10: Enrollment appointment times for Spring Semester registration sent to students via email.

October 21: Fall 2011 Final Exam Schedules available on MyBlugold CampS.

October 26 - November 1: Spring Semester Registration Begins - see appointment times for more information.

For answers to most registration related questions, go to ["Tips for Registering for Classes"](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE



Over winter and spring break students at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire have the chance to participate in the Civil Rights Pilgrimage; an intensely enlightening course-imbedded-immersion experience. Students will tour of sites of significance to the Civil Rights Movement with the people who were there. Destinations include the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Atlanta; the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama; the Civil Rights Memorial and the Rosa Parks Museum and Library in Montgomery, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; and the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, among others.

Students may also enroll in Women's Studies 222: Women in the Civil Rights Movement, in order to fulfill several general education requirements. The \$425 fee covers transportation, lodging, museum entry, and several meals, making the Civil Rights Pilgrimage an affordable, alternative study abroad experience.

Visit the [Civil Rights Pilgrimage web site](#) for more information.

PARENT CHAT

7PM—8:30PM - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

We will have staff members and students available to answer your questions on everything from getting involved, campus life, academic help, and other items to help your student be successful here at UW-Eau Claire.

To register for **this month's** Parent Chat simply click on the link below, it will bring you to the [Group Chat](#) page where you can log into the chat. You will be asked to enter a login name (this is a name you choose and is what will appear on the screen as you type a question or comment) and enter a password of your choosing. Even if you are new to chatting you are welcome to log on and you'll be able to watch and see what other family members are asking and the answers they are getting. [Click here to join our chat on Wednesday, October 26th](#)

BLUGOLD FAMILY CONNECTION GIFTS - HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

With Halloween right around the corner, why not send something special to your Blugold! For the month of October you can order a Monster Cookie for **only \$8.00** (plus tax). You can [place your order online](#) and we will take care of the rest!

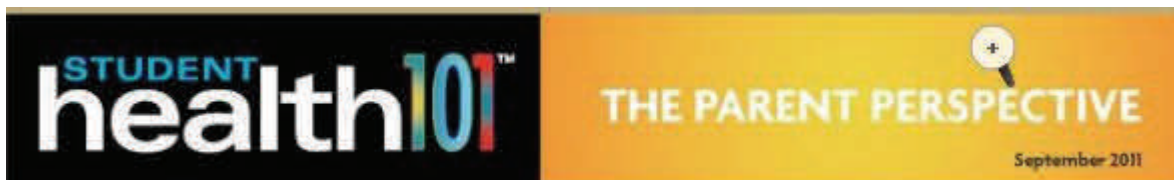


Please visit our [website](#) to check out all our gift items. Please remember to allow 3 days for delivery and we do not deliver on Saturdays or Sundays. Delivery is made to the front desk of your student's residence hall on your requested delivery date. Off campus students can pick their treats up in our office in Schofield Hall. Contact us with any questions at family@uwec.edu or call 715.836.5110.

STUDENT HEALTH 101

[Student Health 101](#) is a newsletter brought to your student each month by the Student Health Service Office. The Parent Perspective is a parent's companion to Student Health 101 newsletter. Student Health 101 is written to help your son or daughter live a healthier life.

Each issue of the [Parent Perspective](#) is a quick-to-read summary of that month's student newsletter.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

There is always lots going on each month on campus - have your student visit the [Events Calendar](#) for a complete listing of campus movies, music and more!

[Homecoming Week](#) - one of the University largest annual events, will be held from Oct. 2-9. Highlighted by numerous activities for students and alumni, including a parade and football game — is expected to draw thousands of alumni back to Eau Claire to join students, faculty, staff and community members in celebration.



Friday Night Team Trivia - every Friday from 9pm—11pm, Team Trivia is hosted in the BBC—cash prizes are awarded to the winning teams. Encourage your students to join in on the fun!

[Blugold Saturday Night Shuttle](#) - every Saturday night from 6 p.m.—2a.m. the free shuttle service allows your student to get off campus and explore the City of Eau Claire. With stops for shopping, movies, food and fun, your student will be sure to find taking the Saturday Night Shuttle a great way to spend their Saturday nights!

[Blugold Athletics](#)— The Fall Blugold Athletic season is in full swing - and students can attend events for free with their Blugold Card. Student can find schedules and more information on the [Athletics homepage](#).

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