November Survey Question:
Would you like to receive text message updates from the Blugold Family Connection?
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SERVICE LEARNING

All candidates for the baccalaureate degree at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire must satisfactorily complete 30 or more clock-hours of approved service-learning activity. This requirement is intended to provide students with an opportunity to serve their community, apply knowledge gained in the classroom, enhance their critical thinking skills, and become informed, ethical, responsible, and active citizens.

Students can stop by the Center for Service-Learning at any time to talk with program staff or knowledgeable student staff. We can help students find volunteer opportunities or service-learning opportunities in the Chippewa Valley. Students can also customize service-learning projects (locally or anywhere else), and our office can assist with those projects as well. The office is staffed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We can also be contacted by phone at 715-836-4649 and by e-mail at srvlearn@uwec.edu.

Feel free to check out our website at: www.uwec.edu/sl; and if your student is looking for projects, check out Dina’s Daily Chats or search through our project listing.

Service-Learning—the most fun & rewarding requirement @ UWEC!

Submitted by: Benita Wagner
Center for Service Learning
Money Matters

November has brought a flurry of students trying to pay their deposits for Winterim and Spring. Just as a reminder, any freshman who was a new student in Fall 2012 DOES NOT have a registration deposit to roll over and will need to pay a $100 registration deposit before registering for a future term. Also, we strongly encourage parents to allow their students to manage the registration deposit roll feature in CampS themselves, so if your student asks you to do this for them, feel free to refer them to our office for assistance.

New Perspective on Being a Good Neighbor

For most students living off campus here at UW-Eau Claire is their first experience living in a neighborhood without parental guidance. Most students naturally meet and show respect toward their new neighbors, for some it is easier to meet their student neighbors than local neighbors, for others the concept of having relationships with local people and being helpful hasn’t occurred to them. Some students have relayed great stories of mowing the lawn for a neighbor and having free cookies weekly for a year, others have had permanent residents bring brownies and introduce themselves, some get help taking care of the snow over break from neighbors, and for a few they receive a police visit with a noise violation because a neighbor complained about their party.

We hope that the later story remains a rare occurrence. Your students can contribute to successful neighborly relationships with a few easy steps:

♦ Know the neighbors – this can go a long way in solving problems before they start
♦ Be responsible – take care of pets, be aware of noise levels, and make sure sidewalks are cleared in a timely fashion – or even shovel the neighbors walk
♦ Keep things clean – keep indoor furniture indoors, pick up garbage in a timely fashion, etc.

Students need to be aware that the rules in each city differ somewhat. Some students have found themselves in violation of local ordinances related to neighborhood and city concerns.

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<td>Garbage - Containers need to be sitting behind the house and need to be removed with 24hr of pick up</td>
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<td>Furniture - Indoor furniture may not be kept on porches patios</td>
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<td>Noise - Students can put their lease at risk if they are found responsible for noise violations.</td>
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<td>Signs - The city needs to perform maintenance and occasionally needs people to move their cars. The city is great about installing temporary signs, but students sometimes do not use their vehicles for several days at a time and risk being towed.</td>
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Greetings Blugold Parents.

A week ago, John Baltes, Loss Prevention & Safety Director, and I traveled with members of the Eau Claire Fire Department to attend a day-long summit at UW-La Crosse on fire safety. This topic touches home because of the recent loss of two of our students due to a fire. Two other students were injured during that fire and are mourning the loss of their friends. Needless to say, fire safety must be on all of our minds as we work to keep our students safe.

At the summit, we previewed the film 9 Fires, a documentary on the impact that nine campus-related fires across the nation had on students, families, the campus and the communities. The film chronicles the impact of these nine campus-related fires that happened over a span of just three weeks. One of the fires in the film was a residence hall fire at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse that resulted in the building being shut down for an entire semester and 271 students having to find new housing. A preview of the film is located on the Micheal H. Minger Foundation website: [http://www.mingerfoundation.org/9-fires-documentary-project/](http://www.mingerfoundation.org/9-fires-documentary-project/).

Please take the time to discuss fire safety with your student. If your student lives on campus, please encourage them to treat all fire alarms as ‘real.’ If they live off campus please make sure they have working smoke detectors and that they always know their ‘two ways out.’ You may find these resources helpful in your discussion: [http://www.mingerfoundation.org/](http://www.mingerfoundation.org/), [http://www.campus-firewatch.com/](http://www.campus-firewatch.com/).

Please know that the safety and well-being of our students is a top priority for our office. If we can be of any assistance to you in these conversations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,
Jacqueline Bonneville
Assistant Dean of Students
On November 2nd, many students will be receiving mid-term grades in their courses. Students can find their mid-term grades on MyBlugold Campus under the “grades” tab. This is a good time in the semester to have a conversation with your student about how their classes are going. If they didn’t receive a midterm grade in a class, encourage them to figure out the percentage they are receiving based on the grades they’ve received so far in the course. (If your student isn’t sure how to read a syllabus or figure out their grade so far, they can always ask an adviser for help! Or, if you feel comfortable helping, it’s a great way to help them begin to understand how to do this themselves.)

What happens if the midterm grades aren’t what they (or you) were hoping for? It’s not too late to withdraw from a course—students have until November 12th to withdraw from a course this semester. (http://www.uwec.edu/Registrar/calendar/AcademicRegCal2012_13.htm)

In order to do so, a student will need a signature from both the instructor of the course and their academic adviser. This ensures that the adviser has an opportunity to have a conversation with the student about what went wrong and the best steps moving forward. If your student is struggling, but not doing poorly enough to need to drop the course, encourage them to speak with both their adviser and the instructor of the course! Oftentimes there are small adjustments students can still make to improve their grades before the end of the semester.

Is your student looking for an internship or full-time position? Blugold CareerLink is the best way for UW-Eau Claire students to connect with employers. Employers post internships and full-time jobs on this site and set up and conduct interviews on campus. Currently there are almost 500 full-time positions and 150 internships in the database.

Don’t let your student miss out because he or she is not registered in Blugold CareerLink. Full lifetime access is $30 and can be purchased online at www.uwec.edu/career/careerlink/.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us as careers@uwec.edu.
SPRING REGISTRATION

It seems like the semester just started, but it’s time to begin preparing for spring registration! There are a couple of things your student can do to be prepared not only for spring registration, but also for their entire academic career.

- Students with fewer than 60 credits are required to see their advisor to obtain a PAC (Personal Advising Code); however, we hope you encourage your student to see their advisor more frequently than during registration time. December is a great time for students to talk with their adviser about their major (or possible majors), gauge where they’re at, and set goals for the upcoming break and semester.

- All freshmen should plan to attend a Registration Workshop prior to their registration appointment with their advisor. At this workshop they learn how to interpret a Degree Audit, effectively search for and select courses, and how to use a new feature in My Blugold CampS called My Planner. Students who attend a workshop have more meaningful registration appointments with their advisor. This frees up time to talk about majors, co-curricular options, goal setting and other topics related to your student’s college career at UW-Eau Claire.

- Can I graduate in four years? What classes does a Geology major need? How would I structure my courses each semester? Whether your student is undecided or has declared a major, check out the 4 Year Degree Plans page. It’s a great way to see what courses are required for a major and provides another way for students to plan their academic career.

- Ask your student if they’re familiar with a new feature in My Blugold CampS, called My Planner; an online, semester-by-semester tool designed to help create an academic plan. Students can enroll in courses directly from My Planner and eventually be able to put them into a Degree Audit to see if what they’ve planned will lead to graduation. When used in conjunction with an adviser, My Planner can be a very effective tool!

These three steps will help your student be as prepared as possible for a registration appointment with their advisor. Our goal is to ensure students receive the support they need to plan a path to graduation in a timely manner and have meaningful, relevant experience along the way. It’s a partnership – the more prepared your student is, the more productive the conversation!

ALCOHOL SURVEY

The Center for Alcohol Studies and Education (CASE) invites you to provide feedback on A Parent Handbook for Talking with College Students about Alcohol, a document that was included with your summer orientation materials.

Providing your input and impressions about the handbook on our brief online survey will help us assess resources we provide through CASE for parents of UW-Eau Claire students. Click here or copy and paste this address https://uweauclaire.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_aXdkZsyx48CIfH into your browser to take the survey.

If you don’t remember receiving the handbook and would like us to send you a copy, please contact the CASE office at 715.836.5110.
We would like to introduce our newest gift item—the Blugold Buddies! The adorable mini stuffed animals are available in bears, beavers and squirrels - all wearing a UWEC t-shirts! The buddies are available for only $6 and your order will include a personalize card and free delivery!!

November Special

UWEC aluminum water bottle & a Blugold Buddy - $10!

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 at our office in Schofield Hall. Contact us with any questions at family@uwec.edu or call 715.836.5111.

All residence halls (with the exception of Chancellors, Thomas and Towers Halls) will be closed during Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break.

Halls will close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st and will reopen at 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 25th.

Since we are at high occupancy, if your son/daughter needs to stay on-campus anytime during these break periods due to work, Winterim classes, athletic or music departmental commitments, and you do not live in one of those three halls, it is your son/daughters responsibility to find someone whose room they can stay in. Your son/daughter must complete a Break Authorization Form, get signatures of the student(s) and turn the form into Housing, Towers 112. He/she will also need to get the door combination from the person whose room they will be staying in. Male students can only stay in male-designated rooms and female students can only stay in female-designated rooms.

Thanksgiving Break forms must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th. If your student currently lives in Chancellors, Thomas or Towers Halls, they may complete the form on-line by midnight Tuesday, November 20th. If your student lives in a residence hall other than Chancellors, Thomas or Towers, they will need to stop in the Housing Office (Towers 112) between November 1-20th to complete the form.
**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.

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**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!

**University Activities Commission (UAC)** of Student Senate — is the campus wide events programming board at UWEC. Student programmers select, promote and produce a wide variety of cultural, educations and entertaining programs for the university community. If your student is looking for something to do— suggest they check out the UAC website for a list of upcoming events!

**Calendar Day Parking**— Eau Claire Police Department is reminding citizens that calendar day parking goes in effect November 1st until May 1st. The fine for the violation is $30. Remind your student that before retiring for the evening be sure their vehicle is parked on the side of the street (odd or even) that coincides with what the date will be. Remember when the date changes from the 31st to the 1st you will stay parked on the odd side of the street for two nights in a row.

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