Family Letters for Blugolds

We understand that this is the first time away from home for many students, and so we want to give them a touch of home while here at UW-Eau Claire.

In previous years, we’ve had our parents + guests write letters during Orientation to their Blugold, to receive within the first week of class. This year, we’re continuing this heartfelt tradition virtually!

Parents + guests are encouraged to send letters to your Blugold, by filling out this quick survey. Please complete the survey by 8/21.

Important Dates & Deadlines

*NEW* EVENING SESSION | August 5
Mark your calendars for an evening Parent + Guest Panel with UWEC Police, Counseling Services, Blugold Central (with fin aid), Student Health and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, to be held from 6-7pm on August 5. Click HERE to join at that time!

August 5 & 20
Virtual sessions will be available for Blugold Families on these dates! Details below.

August 15/16 & 22/23
In-person placement testing will be held during drop-off days for incoming Blugolds at Eau Claire. Details below.
Placement Testing Update

UW-Eau Claire’s Advising, Retention and Career Center (ARCC) is offering IN-PERSON paper-based placement testing for incoming students on the housing move-in and early drop off dates in August. This is an opportunity for your student to take a proctored test in Math, English or World Languages (French, German or Spanish) on campus. **Students must pre-register to take these exams.** A few notes about the exams:

- Students must stay the entire duration of the test time (90 minutes for Math and English tests; 60 minutes for World Languages tests).
- Placement tests will be given in standard time: If your student needs accommodations, please have them contact academictesting@uwec.edu.
- One test is offered per day, per student. If students want to take multiple tests and Math is one of them, they are encouraged to register for Math at this time.
- Face masks must be worn at all times, and social distancing will be practiced during the tests. Check-in begins at 11:45 am with testing starting at 12:00 pm.
- **Students must bring a photo ID, #2 pencils and erasers, and a non-graphic calculator if taking the Math placement test.**

More detailed information, as well as links for students to register for these exams are available on both the First-Year Student and the Transfer Student pages on our Orientation website.

Making Your Blugold Feel Welcome at Eau Claire

Give your student a warm welcome when they arrive to campus by sending them a Welcome Kit! Your student will enjoy one of two kits: Brain Buster or Sweet Treat. Both have snacks, drinks and hand sanitizer to start your student’s new academic year off strong. Watch for a letter in the mail for information on how to order, or [process your order online](#).

**Please note that Welcome Kits are for students living in on-campus residence halls only.** These kits help support the UW-Eau Claire Campus Ambassadors organization, pictured below. This student organization represents the University through a variety of functions, including answering incoming and prospective students’ questions, providing tours of the campus, and working with parents and alumni to keep them connected to the campus and the university community. Campus Ambassadors volunteer their time to proudly represent UW-Eau Claire.

Thank you for supporting their efforts!
Reminder! LIVE Virtual Sessions | August 5 & 20, 2020

*For descriptions of each session, visit our Parent + Guest page.

Center for Writing Excellence Chats  
9:00-11:00am | [Link to Session](#)

Office of Multicultural Affairs Drop-in  
11:00am-12:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

'A Q(ueer) & A Session' with the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center  
11:00am-12:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

Q & A Session with Army ROTC  
11:30am-12:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

Parent + Guest Panel (Police, Health, OMA, Counseling, and Financial Aid)  
12:15-1:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

**Can't make it at 12:15pm? Join our evening session (hosted through a different link) instead on August 5!**

'Student Employment' with Career Services  
1:00-2:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

Housing + Residence Life Live Session  
1:00-2:00pm | [Link to Session](#)

'Going Global' with Study Abroad  
3:00-4:00pm | [Link to Session](#)
*Important Reminders*

(1) Has your student registered for and completed Online Orientation? Email orientation@uwec.edu to schedule.

(2) Were you able to attend the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting? Check out the recording here

(3) Have you joined our Facebook group for Blugold families? Click here to join

Video Series | Academic Affairs

**What is a Liberal Education?**
Watch this next video in the series to learn more about the specifics of and benefits to a liberal education at UW-Eau Claire. This video series will progress with each newsletter issue.

Financial Aid

Blugold Central is currently offering 1-on-1 meetings for families.

Feel free to connect and schedule a meeting to discuss financial concerns or ask questions.

Times will be available **daily during the week** during Summer Orientation and can be scheduled by reaching out via email at blugoldcentral@uwec.edu or by phone at 715-836-3000.

*Blugold Parents Advice*

Check out our Parent Advice Video for information and support from current Blugold parents, alumni, and students on how to navigate this exciting journey!

This video is also on our website!

Join our UWEC Parents + Families Facebook Group!