In the News

**Safety on Campus**
Campus leadership has worked diligently over the last several weeks to create a detailed plan for the return of students, faculty and staff to campus for the fall semester.

The [Blugold Flight Plan](#) outlines the ways we will ensure a safe campus.

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**Important Dates & Deadlines**

*NEW* Evening Session w/ Housing + Residence Life
August 19 | 6-7pm CST
You asked, we answered! Mark your calendars for a live evening Q & A session with representatives from our Housing + Residence Life staff, to be held from 6-7pm on August 19.

[Click HERE to join at that time!](#)
Introducing SilverCloud
A new online mental health resource is now available for UW-Eau Claire students. SilverCloud is an online platform that is available to all students at no cost. It offers self-guided programs for anxiety, depression, stress, resilience and insomnia.

Encourage your student to learn more about SilverCloud.

August 20
Our final series of virtual orientation sessions will be available for Blugold Families on this date, and will be recorded for future review. Details below.

August 26
Move-in begins! Check out our Housing + Residence Life page for more.

August 27 - September 9, 2020
It’s Welcome Week for Incoming Blugolds - lots of fun events to get students connected! Encourage your student to stay tuned to their UWEC email for more details to come.

Community Conversations at UW-Eau Claire
For Blugolds and their Families
At UW-Eau Claire we value diversity and are so grateful to have students from many backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities. We are proud of the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), which provides a community for students of color to truly be themselves through creating spaces in which they can be regular students, where they can openly express their cultural heritage and traditions, and where they can critically analyze their multiple identities.

This year, we are initiating “community conversations” so that new Blugolds and their families from various cultural groups have a chance to learn about what OMA has available for them and to ask questions of staff, students and alumni. We hope these sessions will be a place to get excited about being a Blugold and to know you already have a community behind you!

[Already passed] Black Community Conversation
August 10, 11:15am and 6:15pm
Contact OMA at oma.staff@uwec.edu if you’d like to learn more and connect!

Asian Community Conversation
August 18, 11:15am and 6:15pm
Link to Session or dial to join by phone: +1-571-392-7650 (PIN: 713 475 3900)

Native Community Conversation
August 20, 11:15am and 6:15pm
Link to Session or dial to join by phone: +1-571-392-7650 (PIN: 822 502 3476)

Latinx Community Conversation
August 25, 11:15am and 6:15pm
Link to Session or dial to join by phone: +1-571-392-7650 (PIN: 128 521 6479)
In case you missed it...

(1) 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.

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

(2) 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. Please note that Welcome Kits are for students living in on-campus residence halls only.

Check out our previous newsletter for more details, and watch for a letter in the mail for information on how to order. You can also process your order online.

(3) Virtual Sessions | August 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
'Student Employment' with Career Services
1:00-2:00pm | Link to Session
Housing + Residence Life Live Session
1:00-2:00pm | Link to Session

Unable to attend this session? Join our evening session on Aug. 19 at 6:00pm CST!
Direct link to session located under 'Important Dates & Deadlines' above.

'Going Global' with Study Abroad
3:00-4:00pm | Link to Session
We understand that this is the first time away from home for many students, and we want to give them a touch of home while here at UW-Eau Claire.

A final reminder of our desire to keep our heartfelt tradition of family letters to students alive - but virtually!

Parents + guests are encouraged to send letters (to be dispersed the first week of class) to your Blugold, by filling out this quick survey. Please complete by 8/21.

**Financial Aid Meetings**

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

Watch this next video in the series to understand the details behind our Blugold Degree. This series progresses with each issue, so feel free to refer to past issues for more info from Academic Affairs.

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