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Dear New Westminster College Students,

We hope you are as excited as we are to see you in person on our beautiful Westminster College campus in August! The purpose of this letter is to outline the schedule for New Student Convocation 2020 at 10 a.m. on August 9. Health and safety precautions concerning COVID-19 are also included in order for you to know exactly what to expect on your special day.*

New Student Convocation is a beloved tradition at Westminster that officially marks the beginning of your individual journey at the College. As you pass through the historic Columns, you enter into a respected, time-honored tradition. We want to make sure you experience everything Westminster students have in the past while ensuring all of our students, faculty, and staff remain safe and healthy during this unusual time in the history of the College.

Westminster has carefully implemented a number of necessary changes to the ceremony to ensure physical distancing and safety guidelines. As such, we are carefully following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Callaway County Health Department, and the American College Health Association.

This year, New Student Convocation will take place entirely outdoors on the Hill. We ask you to visit our [website](#) (scroll to the middle of the page) to familiarize yourself with the New Student Convocation schedule as well as all policies and procedures relating to COVID-19 health and safety. Also, we are requiring all incoming students to complete a [form](#) if guests will join them on the Hill for the ceremony. *Please note that only two guests are permitted per student, and the ceremony is closed to both the public and the rest of the student body in order to maintain optimal physical distancing.* For those unable to attend, convocation will be [livestreamed](#).

Take a moment to read through the information on our [site](#), fill out the [form](#) if guests plan to join you, and begin looking forward to the transformational journey that awaits you just beyond the Columns. Congratulations to each and every one of you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

**All New Student Convocation 2020 activities are subject to change. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony may be delayed or canceled.*

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