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Dear Westminster College Students,

We hope you are having a great summer and that you and your families are well. We miss seeing those of you who have been a part of our Westminster family and look forward to seeing everyone in August, including our new incoming students!

As you know, a Westminster COVID-19 Task Force was established in the spring and has been working diligently to ensure the health and safety of our campus. At this time, we are focusing on the upcoming fall semester and want to make sure your experience at Westminster continues to be rewarding and transformational. The exceptional individuals in Academic Affairs and Student Life have extensively reviewed federal, state, and local guidelines and recommendations while also taking into consideration measures being employed by other colleges and universities. We currently have put together a very thorough document that outlines our fall plan, and each day we add emerging health recommendations and considerations. You will receive a detailed outline of fall plans no later than July 15, but we want to provide a few current highlights and decisions that have been made thus far.

- In order to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and as approved by the faculty, **classes will begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, take place on Labor Day, and end with the last final exam on Saturday, November 21, 2020.** Students will not return to campus after Thanksgiving until the January session begins.
- All classroom and lab spaces have been evaluated by the COVID-19 Task Force/local health department and rearranged to accommodate safe distancing and health protocols.
- We are exploring the possibility of adding additional technology to our classrooms in order to accommodate hybrid learning needs.
- Specific plans are being developed to ensure lab and activity courses can continue to be offered in a safe manner.
- Faculty are vigorously training this summer to be equipped to offer interactive, rigorous, and exciting classes in any modality — traditional, hybrid, and online through our Digital Blue Virtual Learning Program.

Additional details regarding move-in dates/times, the New Student Week schedule, and Student Life activities will be forthcoming soon. Again, we are very excited to see you all in August and hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will reply as quickly as possible.

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