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# Student Life Newsletter

2024

# The Division of Student Affairs is very excited to welcome new and returning students to Westminster for the 2024-25 Academic Year!

Greetings Blue Jays! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students to Westminster College, and I look forward to welcoming back our returning students for the upcoming school year. We are thrilled that you have joined our vibrant community and look forward to engaging in the challenges and opportunities of this journey with you.

Our mission in Student Affairs is simple-to support you and create a living-learning community where you thrive, belong, and are engaged world citizens. Clearly you are the heart of the College and an integral part of our campus. Serving as your Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Affairs, I will work collaboratively with my colleagues to foster a campus culture that is compassionate, inclusive, supportive, and safe. This is a place where we celebrate our differences, and learn from the variety of perspectives represented by our faculty, staff, and students. By honoring and respecting each other, we create a living and learning environment where we can all pursue our dreams and reach our highest potential.

We welcome your ideas. Please maximize your student experience by getting involved and taking advantage of everything Westminster has to offer. Make the most of every moment and don't hesitate to reach out to us whenever you need assistance or have questions. You can contact me directly at [Paul.Orscheln@WCMO.edu](mailto:Paul.Orscheln@WCMO.edu) or **573-592-5251**. We are proud to have you as a Blue Jay!



## Dr. Paul Orscheln

Vice President, Enrollment Services and Student Affairs

MOVE-IN: ARRIVAL	GROUP	TIME	OFFICE/CHECK-IN
<b>SUN., AUG. 4</b>	Pi Chi	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Johnson College Inn - First Floor (inside the Hunter Activity Center)
<b>WED., AUG. 6</b>	Resident Advisor Staff	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Johnson College Inn - First Floor (inside the Hunter Activity Center)
<b>TUES., AUG. 13</b>	Football Athletes	8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - New Students 10 a.m. - Returning Students	Quadrangle
<b>TUES., AUG. 13</b>	Volleyball, Soccer, & Cross Country Athletes; Mentors	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Quadrangle
<b>WED., AUG. 14</b>	CAB & Peer Health Educators; Fraternity & Sorority; WAGS	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Johnson College Inn - First Floor (inside the Hunter Activity Center)
<b>SAT., AUG. 17</b>	New Students and Transfer Students	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Quadrangle
<b>TUES., AUG. 20</b>	Returning Students	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	JCI First Floor

If there is a conflict with your designated check-in time and you need to arrive either before or after your time slot, please complete the [Early/Late Arrival Form](#).

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Helpful Contact Information

### Business Office

573-592-5230

### Financial Aid Office

573-592-5364

### Fresh Ideas

573-592-5033

### Registrar's Office

573-592-5213

### Security

573-540-3764

### Student Life Office

573-592-5242

### Wellness Center

573-592-5361

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# New Student Affairs Leadership for Fall 2024



## Dr. Paul Orscheln

Vice President of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs

Dr. Paul Orscheln serves as the Vice President of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs at Westminster College. He brings more than 25 years of successful experience in enrollment services and student affairs to the College and leads all aspects of student recruitment, student life, enrollment marketing, and financial aid. Before joining the staff at Westminster in 2019, Dr. Orscheln worked in enrollment management and retention at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph.

Dr. Orscheln's other posts include the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, and Colorado State University-Pueblo. At each institution where he has served,

Dr. Orscheln has implemented comprehensive strategic initiatives that have led to increased enrollment. He also was one of the first enrollment managers to utilize non-cognitive assessment to evaluate at-risk student populations. In addition, Dr. Orscheln has led reorganization efforts across several institutions, resulting in operational efficiencies and a reduction in student barriers to success.

Dr. Orscheln serves on the following campus-wide committees: Strategic Planning, President's Cabinet, and Dean's Council. Outside of the College, he is a member of the Missouri ACT Council and serves as a peer evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Orscheln earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 2012. In 1996 and 1998, respectively, he received both bachelor's and master's degrees in Exercise Science from the University of Central Missouri, where he was a two-time track All-American.



## Derek Zander

Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics, Athletics Advancement, and Strategic Programs

Mr. Derek Zander began his position with Westminster College as Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics, Athletics Advancement, and Strategic Programs on May 31, 2023. Prior to arriving at the College, Mr. Zander worked for 11 years at Iowa Wesleyan University, where he most recently served as Vice President for Advancement and Athletics. At Westminster, Mr. Zander is focused on achieving strategic goals while broadening these concepts to impact Westminster's student-athletes.

Mr. Zander experienced phenomenal success at Iowa Wesleyan in fundraising, marketing, alumni relations, community relations, recruitment, retention, and operations, despite the challenging factors impacting higher education. He is particularly noted for leading Iowa Wesleyan's advancement team to enhance communication with alumni and key stakeholders, quickly increasing annual giving overall from 2020 to the present. From fiscal year 2020 to 2022, he increased fundraising by 167%. In 2022, he led the advancement team to a record performance of \$3.7 million raised. Prior to his vice presidential role, Mr. Zander served in a variety of capacities at Iowa Wesleyan, including Assistant Athletic Director, NCAA Compliance Officer, Head Baseball Coach, and Assistant Baseball Coach. A native of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Mr. Zander grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In 2011, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Iowa Wesleyan, where he played collegiate baseball. In 2014, he earned a master's degree in Coaching and Administration from the University of Concordia-Irvine. In 2019, he received both the Carol Nemitz Staff Member of the Year Award and the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Service Award. Mr. Zander and his wife, Anna, are the parents of two sons: Mason (6) and Gavin (2).

# Student Life Staff Updates



## Darryl Glenn

Director of Residential Life

Darryl Glenn, a native of St. Louis, Mo., has a strong background in Higher Education with over a decade of experience primarily in Student Affairs. He holds a degree in Graphic Design Technology Management from the University of Central Missouri and a master's in Liberal Studies with a focus on Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays State University. A Spring 2013 member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Darryl has been instrumental in enhancing student leadership and diversity within Housing and Residence Life. His leadership approach is rooted in mindfulness, compassion, and excellence. In his role, Darryl is committed to fostering a supportive and diverse community, ensuring students' personal and interpersonal growth. In his spare time, he enjoys running marathons, spending time with family, and keeping up with the latest movies and TV shows.



## Marina Turner

Director of Student Engagement & Leadership

Hello! My name is Marina Turner, and I am serving as the new Director for Student Engagement and Leadership. I am originally from Boonville, Mo. and went to college at Columbia College where I found my passion for helping students achieve their goals both inside and outside of the classroom. I have worked in Student Life for a while now and love getting to build those relationships with students and staff/faculty. I am looking forward to getting to work with you all in multiple ways! In my role, I will get to help CAB bring exciting and worth while programs to campus while also advising SGA on making this campus the best that it can be. In my down time, I love to be outside drinking some coffee and spending time with my two-year-old daughter and husband. I am an avid reader and love to relax into a good book at the end of the day. As the Director of Student Engagement and Leadership I am so thrilled to be back working on Westminster Campus, but most importantly, I am thrilled to get to know each and everyone of you all. My door is always open if you all ever need anything! My office is located in the right outside of Hermann Lounge, make sure to come and say hi!



# Residential Life

**We are excited to have you join us on campus this fall!**

Residential Life strives to foster inclusive communities and holistic student development through co-curricular learning opportunities and by promoting academic scholarship. Each hall, apartment, and townhome at the College has a residential advisor who is your resource for living on campus. Feel free to reach out to them about upcoming hall events and any questions or concerns about your living space. Additionally, feel free to reach out to the Office of Student Life at [StuLife@WCMO.edu](mailto:StuLife@WCMO.edu).

- For more information on what to bring for your upcoming move, visit our [What to Bring page](#).
- To request a special housing accommodation, visit [MyWC](#).
- To register an Emotional Support Animal, visit [MyWC](#).



## Meal Plans

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan. Included here are the meal plans available for each housing location on campus:

- Freshman Quadrangle – 19-meal plan
- Triangle – 10-, 14-, and 19-meal plans
- Townhomes and Apartments – 5-, 10-, 14-, and 19-meal plans

Students who commute or are approved for off-campus living are eligible to select a meal plan.

To request to change your meal plan, visit [MyWC](#).

## Emergency Alerts

Westminster College has partnered with TextCaster to provide text message-based alerts in the event of campus emergencies. TextCaster's service provides you with the capability of opting in to receive emergency text alerts from campus officials. In the event of an emergency, Westminster College officials will send a message through the TextCaster system, and the message will appear on your cell phone. This is a free service; however, charges for text messages may be applied to your phone bill by your cellular phone carrier, depending on your particular plan.

To sign up, visit [TextCaster's sign up page](#).



## Fraternity & Sorority Life

Sorority Recruitment: Aug. 20 - 29

Fraternity Recruitment: Aug. 20 - Sept. 7

Returning Fraternity & Sorority Member Move-In: Aug. 14, 2024

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### REGISTER FOR FRATERNITY AND SORORITY RECRUITMENT!



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## First Year Students

The Westminster First Year Experience is designed to help students make the transition to college and establish an early foundation for success. At Westminster, we support student development through fostering the skills, self-awareness, and personal wellness strategies needed to pursue academic, personal, and professional goals. Please see the First Year Experience webpage for more information about first-year courses, support, and information for the fall semester. Additionally, please connect with your mentors and classmates through the Group Me invites you have been sent.



[First Year Experience](#)

# New Student Week Schedule

New Student Week is the week prior to classes starting that is dedicated to introducing first-year students to campus. The week is packed with fun activities planned by Student Engagement/Campus Activities Board. New Student Week includes traditions such as the Columns Ceremony and marks the beginning of your academic career when you take part in Westminster Seminar for the first time. Here are a few featured activities along with the link to the full schedule and event details:

**RHYTHM RALLY** - Celebrate the end of summer with a carnival evening of games, inflatables, food, and more!

**MEET THE GREEKS** - Join us to "Meet and Greeks." Enjoy mingling with our active fraternity and sorority members, and learn more about each individual chapter and what makes them unique.

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR** - The Student Involvement Fair is your personal ticket to leadership opportunities and resources on campus. Come learn how to get involved by checking out our campus clubs and organizations!

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## Wellness Center and Insurance Opt-Out

The Student Health Clinic provides a variety of healthcare services and is staffed by a full-time nurse practitioner and mental health counselors. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Westminster College requires the following immunizations: MMR1 and 2; Tdap in the last 10 years, and the Meningococcal vaccine.

Immunization documentation, the TB questionnaire, and a Completed Health Form must be submitted to the Wellness Center prior to beginning classes via MyWC. Westminster College requires that all students have health insurance. Students are automatically enrolled in the student health plan sponsored by the College unless they waive out with proof of current insurance. Students can access this from their MyWC then under student life choose Wellness then have the option to view all the categories on the left hand side.

# EVERY BLUE JAY

CAN STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

## Sexual Violence Prevention

Sexual Violence Prevention is a required online course to be completed by all new students, with class credit assigned. This reality-driven course discusses consent, provides an overview of sexual violence, and empowers students to take action to prevent further harm. Using presenter-led content, personal accounts of interpersonal violence, interactive elements, and scenarios that demonstrate key concepts, this course illustrates how sexual violence prevention goes beyond victims and perpetrators: It affects everyone and requires all of us to take action.

This online course will be sent to students via email, and students will be able to complete the program before the start of the school year or into the first few weeks of school. The course can be paused, saved, and returned to, allowing participants to learn at their own pace. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate of completion.

Every Blue Jay intentionally seeks student input to help with prevention, awareness, and updating relevant resources to meet specific needs of our students.

Sexual Violence Prevention is funded by Grant No. 2017-WA-AX-0036 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The opinions, findings, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the DOJ, OVW.

If you have any questions about Sexual Violence Prevention, please contact Bettina Korte-Sweede, Every Blue Jay Project Coordinator, at [Bettina.Korte-Sweede@WCMO.edu](mailto:Bettina.Korte-Sweede@WCMO.edu). Check out the [Every Blue Jay webpage](#).



Engage is a multi-level violence prevention strategy that frames bystander behavior within the context of community connection and sense of belonging. Engage is facilitated in institutions of higher education within Missouri that focuses on encouraging a culture of care and a desire to engage in preventing potentially harmful situations.

The Engage Violence Prevention Training was designed to introduce incoming students to the concept that by contributing to a culture of care within their campus community, they can be a part of creating a safer campus community.

## Parking Reminders



All Westminster students must register their motor vehicle on [MyWC](#) within 72 hours of arrival on campus. Upon registration, students will receive a parking permit, which must be affixed and clearly visible on the inside bottom right of the front windshield.

### Parking violation fee reminders:

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| Improper parking ticket <b>\$40</b> | Faculty/staff parking <b>\$30</b>      |
| Visitor parking <b>\$40</b>         | No parking permit <b>\$70</b>          |
| Handicap parking <b>\$100</b>       | Admissions visitor parking <b>\$70</b> |



## Center for Faith & Service

The Center for Faith and Service (CFS) is a place of radical hospitality and inclusion on campus for all Westminster students to find a home away from home. CFS engages students at levels of self, others, community, and the Divine in practices of belonging and reflection through spiritual care, community engagement, and diversity programs. There are couches for napping, a kitchen for cooking, free coffee/tea and snacks, an interfaith prayer and meditation space, and plenty of space for students to study and interact. CFS is located in the yellow brick house at 322 W. 6th St. Follow our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram account](#) for updates and ways to get involved, and don't forget to join us for our annual welcome back lunch!

## CFS Around Campus

Look for the CFS logo for events and co-sponsored partnerships throughout the year or check online at the locations below!



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# BLUE JAYS

## Student-Athletes

Welcome to Westminster College! The Athletic Department is excited to welcome you back to campus, or if you are a first-time student at Westminster, welcome you to our Blue Jay family. We hope you are excited as we are to embark on another year of Blue Jay Athletics.

As a reminder, all incoming student-athletes are required to submit ALL medical information forms to Sports Medicine and Performance staff prior to participating in any athletic related activity. These forms are mandated by the NCAA and can be accessed on the [athletics website](#). All new student-athletes need to complete a [pre-participation physical](#) (also found on the athletics website).

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