



Western Illinois University
Parents and Family Association's

Leatherneck Family NEWSLETTER

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Fun Awaits You During Family & Friends Weekend!

Family & Friends Weekend on April 11-13, 2025. This weekend will include a variety of events to engage all WIU students and their families on campus and in the Macomb community. Some events being planned include Pastries with the President, Mocktails & Monopoly with the Mayor and Friends and Family Bingo on Saturday, and WIU Dining Hall lunch specials on Sunday. Various businesses in the Macomb community have also agreed to provide specials/discounts for students and their families/friends.

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LEATHERNECK FAMILIES: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR STUDENTS & WESTERN

JUSTIN SCHUCH
Vice President of Student Success

As spring blooms across our beautiful campuses and we enter the final stretch of the semester, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible Leatherneck families.

Your ongoing support, encouragement, and belief in your student, or students, and Western Illinois University mean the world to us. Whether cheering them on from afar, sending a much-needed care package, or visiting for family weekend, your impact is felt daily.

Spring is a season of growth, renewal, and celebration, and we're so proud of all your students' accomplishments. Thank you for being part of the WIU family and for all you do to support our mission and your students' goal of walking across the stage with a degree in hand, ready to take on the world.

FINAL GRADES

Wiu final grades are available on STARS at the end of each term. Report cards are not mailed to students. To access grades:

- View your grades on the "Transcript" or "Grades" screen
- Print your grades to your local printer from the "Grades" screen
- Request a copy of your transcript from the "Transcript Request" screen

Grades are available on Wed., May 14, 2025

Source: www.wiu.edu/grades.php

Fall 2024 Western Illinois University Fast Facts

Total Enrollment	6,332
Undergraduate	4,525
Graduate	1,807

Student Demographics	
Enrollment by % Male	40.6%
Enrollment by % Female	59.4%
Enrollment by % Underrepresented Students	31.0%

Origin of Students	
Illinois	4,899 (77.4%)
Out-of-State	781 (12.3%)
International	652 (10.3%)

Financial Aid	
Percent of all students who received aid	70%

Degrees Offered	
Bachelor's	61
Master's	40
Doctoral	2
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	16

Degrees Awarded (FY23)	
Bachelor's	1,112
Master's	778
Doctoral	12
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	65

Top Majors by Enrollment

Undergraduate

1. Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
2. Elementary Education
3. Psychology
4. General Studies
5. Nursing

Graduate

1. Alternative Teacher Licensure
2. Business Administration
3. Computer Science
4. Educational Administration
5. Public Health

NSFP 2024-2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Before You Go

Residence Hall Move Out Instructions

All residence halls will close at **7 P.M.** on **Friday, May 9th.**

All residents must be vacated by this time.

If you need to stay past **Friday, May 9th at 7 P.M.**, you must get permission from the Complex Director by signing up through your STARS account. Seek permission by **Friday, May 2nd at 5 P.M.** The final closure of all Residence Halls is Sunday, May 11th at 10am.

- **Attend your End of the Year Floor Meeting**
- **Schedule a time to Check Out with your RA**
- **Pack or properly dispose of your belongings**
- **Clean Your Room**
- **Reset Room Furniture**

wiu.edu/student_success/housing/living_on_campus/MoveOut.php

LEATHERNECK FIRST FOUR DAYS

SAVE THE DATE !!

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
21	22	23	24

You're not going to want to miss the many activities taking place prior to the start of class. Events include Rocky's Union Kick-off, Rocky's Scavenger Hunt, Rocky After Dark, Picnic with the President, MCC Welcome Back Bash, & an Outdoor Movie on Hanson Field!

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'Neck News: Connect with Social Media



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Western Illinois University is the first to launch a new partnership with Prepare for Illinois' Future Powered by Kaplan's All Access License™ to provide students with free access to industry-leading test preparation products for graduate admissions exams, licensure exams, credentialing exams and professional development courses. Read more: <https://go.wiu.edu/4jYE0mj>

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go.kaplan.com/illinois

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The 2025 Western Challenge, Western Illinois University's 10th annual day of giving will take place Thursday, April 24.

Jenni Lopez, assistant director of Annual Giving, said she looks forward to seeing the Leatherneck community unite to support the students, faculty and educational opportunities at Western.

"Since I was a student caller, I've looked forward to April 24 every year," Lopez said. "The excitement, the school pride and the way our alumni come together to support their alma mater." Read more: <https://go.wiu.edu/4hFCGmd>

THE WESTERN CHALLENGE

DAY of GIVING

4.24.2025

PURPLE and GOLD DAY

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STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

KYREE ALEXANDER



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ovcsports Our Jostens OVC Student-Athlete of the Week is @wiubaseball junior infielder Kyree Alexander. Last year he was named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for his work in the classroom. Read more at OVCsports.com (link in bio). #OVCit | #GoNecks

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NEW TO WIU? STOP BY THE NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFICE IN SHERMAN HALL 118 TO CLAIM YOUR FREE SWAG BAG, WATER BOTTLE & T-SHIRT!

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nsfpwiu 🎉 New Students, we've got you covered! 🎉

New to WIU? Swing by the New Student & Family Programs Office in Sherman Hall 118 to pick up your FREE Swag Bag & T-Shirt! 🎉

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MEET THE NSFP TEAM



DR. MICHELLE JANISZ
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Want to join the Parent & Family Association? Visit wiu.edu/parents_and_family

Leatherneck Family

NEWSLETTER



WIU Family Day BBQ

Smoke 'Em If You Got 'Em

Join the Office of Student Engagement and the WIU School of Agriculture as we look forward to the sixth annual Food, Family, Farming, Football BBQ Competition on Sat., Sept. 13, 2025. Live music, activities for the entire family, bags tournament, and the battle for the best BBQ around, followed by the Fighting Leatherneck game at 6 pm! BBQ events are from 2pm to 5pm. Food will be served while supplies last so don't be late to the fun.

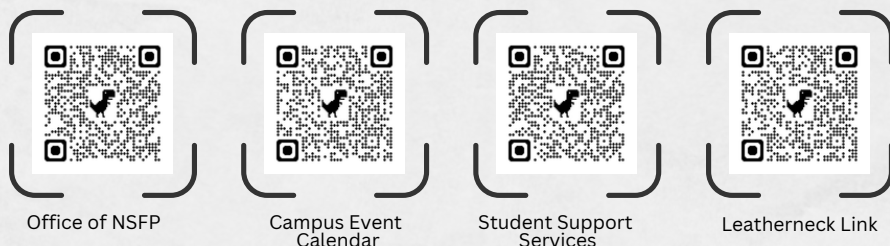
Tickets will go on sale June 1. For more info, visit wiu.edu/familyday

SAVE THE DATE: THE 8th ANNUAL WIU FAMILY DAY BBQ

SEPT. 26, 2026



Family & Student Resources at Western



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APRIL 11-13, 2025

Family & Friends Weekend

MAY 5-9, 2025

Finals Week/Ends of Semester

MAY 10, 2025

Undergraduate/Graduate Commencement

AUG. 21-24, 2025

Leatherneck First Four Days

AUG. 25, 2025

First Day of Class

AUG. 27, 2025

Student Organization Fair

SEPT. 12, 2025

Macomb Downtown Block Party

SEPT. 13, 2025

WIU Family Day BBQ

OCT. 10, 2025

Fall Break (No Classes)

OCT. 19, 2025

Transfer Student Honor Society Induction

OCT. 20-24, 2025

Transfer Student Week

NOV. 3-8, 2025

First-Gen Student Week

NOV. 7, 2025

First-Gen Student Honor Society Induction

NOV. 8, 2025

First Generation Student Day

NOV. 24-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

DEC. 22, 2025 - JAN. 19, 2026

Winter Break (No Classes)

JAN. 20, 2026

First Day of Classes