



Western Illinois University  
Parents and Family Association's

## Leatherneck Family NEWSLETTER

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BEFORE YOU COME TO CAMPUS

# WIU: Your Student's Home Away from Home



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We can't wait to meet you and your student in just a few weeks! We are finishing our preparations for your arrival and would like to share some tips to help you prepare and help make your move-in day go smoothly.

1. Please look out for the Move-in Guide that will have directions and so much detailed information on where to go, what to expect, what to bring, etc. It's coming soon if you haven't received it already!
2. Leave most small appliances at home. We realize that there are so many new types of appliances out on the market these days. Many of them can be fire hazards though, so the only appliances allowed in the rooms are mini-fridges, coffee makers (with automatic shutoff) and microwaves.

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- 3. Take a look at our online room tours where there is an actual measuring tool, so you can plan out your space before you arrive and figure out what will fit.
- 4. Hold that mail! Mail and package delivery begins at opening, so please wait until after move-in to send items so they don't get sent back or held up somewhere.
- 5. Ask for help. If you have questions leading up to move-in day, please don't be afraid to reach out to us. We're just a phone call or email away! If you have questions or need help while you are moving in, please reach out to one of our volunteers or staff on site. We'll have plenty of them! Just look for a purple or gold shirt!
- 6. Have fun. Have Patience. Make memories... And then, let them go. Move-in day comes with a lot of emotions for all. Your student will start their new journey and you can sit back and watch them learn and grow.
- 7. Pat yourself on the back! You helped get them here!

See you soon!!  
Jessica and Bridget

MOVE-IN PRO TIPS:  
WIU.EDU/MOVEIN

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**MOVE IN 25**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

wiu.edu/movein

Facebook icon: WIU Housing and Dining  
Instagram icon: WIU Housing and Dining

SUGGESTED ARRIVAL TIMES

Peak move-in times tend to be from 10AM to 3PM. We encourage you to use the recommended target times based on your home's proximity to campus to help distribute move-in traffic and reduce wait times. The times do not need to be strictly followed.

IF YOU LIVE WITHIN



- 0-75 miles from campus: Arrive 8:00AM - 9:00AM
- 76-125 miles from campus: Arrive 9:00AM - 10:00AM
- 126-150 miles from campus: Arrive 10:00AM - 11:00AM
- 151-175 miles from campus: Arrive 11:00AM - NOON
- 176-200 miles from campus: Arrive NOON - 1:00PM
- Over 200 miles from campus: Arrive after 1:00PM

NEED TO EAT?

OPENING WEEKEND DINING HOURS 2025

Thursday, August 21st

**Corbin-Olson Dining Center**  
Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM

**Thompson Dining Center**

Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM

Saturday, August 23rd

**Corbin-Olson Dining Center**  
Brunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:15PM-6:30PM

**Thompson Dining Center**  
Brunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:15PM-6:30PM

Friday, August 22nd

**Corbin-Olson Dining Center**  
Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:00PM-7:00PM

**Thompson Dining Center**  
Breakfast: 7:00AM-9:30AM  
Lunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:00PM-8:00PM

Sunday, August 24th

**Corbin-Olson Dining Center**  
Brunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:00PM-7:00PM  
Late Night: 8PM-10:30PM

**Thompson Dining Center**  
Brunch: 11:00AM-1:30PM  
Dinner: 5:15PM-6:30PM  
Late Night: 8PM-10:30PM

ALL OTHER DINING LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS ARE CLOSED & WILL OPEN W/NORMAL OPERATING HOURS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH



CORBIN-OLSON  
420 N Western Ave



CAROLINE GROTE  
720 W Adams St



THOMPSON  
1200 N WESTERN AVE

WIU WELCOME WEEK

Once you've unpacked your last box, the festivities continue throughout the weekend. There are a variety of activities to welcome and prepare you for a great first year at Western Illinois University! Make sure to check your WIU email in the coming weeks to find out all the festivities coming up.

Scan the QR code to view the Welcome Week and Campus Events Calendar!



IS YOUR PARENT OR GRANDPARENT A WIU ALUMNUS?



Scan the QR code to view details for a special move-in day event just for YOU and WIU alumni parents/grandparents!





# Things to Consider

## Residence Hall Move In Instructions

All residence halls will open at **8 A.M. on Thursday, August 21.**  
Move-in crews will be available to help you and your student unload your vehicle and give you a helping hand from **8 A.M to 5 P.M. on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **NEED YOUR ID?:** Visit the Service Center located on the Ground Floor of the University Union to take a photo for your student ID.
- **WIU WIRELESS:** To connect or instructions, visit [wiu.edu/wireless](http://wiu.edu/wireless).
- **PACKING LIST:** Visit [wiu.edu/movein](http://wiu.edu/movein) for more on the big day.
- **PARKING:** Students with cars need to contact Parking Services.

[wiu.edu/movein](http://wiu.edu/movein)

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, New Student Welcome Picnic, MCC Welcome Back Bash, & entertainment by Hypnotist/Mentalist Josh McVicar!

Events brought to you by the Office of New Student & Family Programs, Office of Student Engagement & Interhall Council

# 'Neck News: Connect with Social Media



[wiu.edu](http://wiu.edu)



[@westerniluniv](https://www.instagram.com/westerniluniv)



[@wiuathletics](https://www.instagram.com/wiuathletics)



[@wiuwbb](https://www.instagram.com/wiuwbb)

## MEET THE NSFP TEAM



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Want to join the Parent & Family Association? Visit [wiu.edu/parents\\_and\\_family](http://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 7th 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.

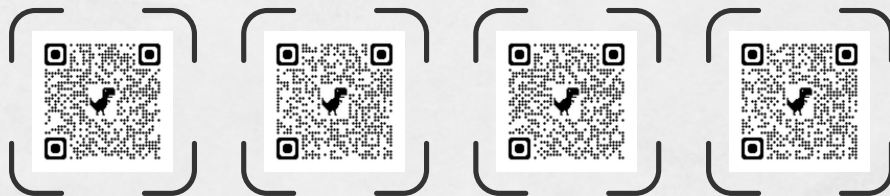
For more info and to purchase tickets, visit:  
[wiu.edu/familyday](http://wiu.edu/familyday)

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

**SEPT. 26, 2026**



## Family & Student Resources at Western



Office of NSFP

Campus Event  
Calendar

Student Support  
Services

Leatherneck Link

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## SAVE THESE DATES

**AUG. 21-22, 2025**

Move-In Days

**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