Stay Connected with New Winthrop Update Website

Do you want an easy and quick way to stay up-to-date on the latest Winthrop news and happenings? The university recently unveiled the Winthrop Update, a revamped news and information website that provides a robust and comprehensive daily offering of information in various categories for site visitors.

Visitors can explore two sections, presented as tab functions, of the daily-updated site that include general news (News at WU) and employee-specific (Working at WU) news.

The general news tab includes information on university news, student news, athletics, academics and research, arts and entertainment, and more. In addition to these categories, employees utilizing the Working at WU tab can view and submit information in popular categories such as classifieds, professional activities, and departmental news.

Additional features to both sections include videos, photo galleries, links to My Winthrop Experience profiles and event listings.

“This new site is a one-stop shop for any and all Winthrop-related news,” said Monica Bennett, director of communications in the Office of University Relations. “Given that the site is updated daily, employees and visitors will receive the latest happenings and information in a central location, creating a convenient way to stay connected to the university.”

What’s Up on Campus?

Music professor Michael Williams will perform Nov. 1. Find more articles on the site!

A Great Time For Everyone at Family Day!

Family Day 2011, held Saturday, October 1, was a great time for everyone! Hundreds of families joined us for breakfast, faculty break out sessions, a picnic complete with the combined orchestra playing during lunch, and Family Olympics. If you missed out, make sure to join us next year!

Families members competed against one another in the inflatable obstacle course and the inflatable rope ladder. After they were victorious (or not), they could get some fresh popped popcorn! During lunch, a traditional Southern BBQ was served while the combined orchestra and jazz ensemble performed the Star Spangled Banner and other wonderful songs.

Family Olympics Champions: The Hudson Family!
Pre-Advising Workshops Helpful

At Winthrop University, all students must attend an advising session with their own advisor before being allowed to register for classes for the following semester. Well, advising and registration are around the corner already! We are at the midpoint of the semester, so that means it's time for your students to think about their plans for next semester!

It is important that students understand that they need to prepare for their advising session. It is an advisor's job to advise a student, not tell them what to do or what to take. A student should show up to their advising session with a list of classes they want to take, along with some back-up classes in case classes fill up.

In order to help our students prepare and succeed, the Residential Learning Coordinators are hosting Pre-Advising Workshops in the residence halls. They will review Winthrop's Touchstone program requirements and teach students how they can prepare to be advised and register. Students that have attended in the past have said that the workshop really helped them with their advising session. Please encourage your student to attend one of these sessions:

- **Wednesday, October 19**
  - 7 p.m. Richardson Hall
  - 9 p.m. Wofford Hall

- **Thursday, October 20**
  - 11 a.m. Thomson Hall
  - 7 p.m. Margaret Nance Hall

Residence Halls Close for Fall Break

It is mid-semester, so that means Fall Break is on the horizon! Fall Break is a welcome break from classes for our students. Students have been informed, just as in years past, that residence halls on campus close for Fall Break, so they must make plans to be somewhere else from Friday, October 14 at 6 p.m. through Tuesday, October 18 at 2 p.m. Permission to stay may be given to students who are in an internship, like student teaching, athletes whose names have been submitted by the Athletic Department, students with a job in Rock Hill (a statement from the employer is required), or those students that live more than 300 miles away. If your student is staying, they must fill out a permission slip and make their own arrangements to stay in their room or a friend's room in Lee Wicker, Richardson, Roddey, or The Courtyard. These are the only halls a student may get permission to stay in.

A yellow info sheet was passed out to all students. Residence Life staff will do a health and safety inspection of all rooms, as they do for every break period. Rooms will be checked for basic cleanliness, appliances plugged in, etc.

Homecoming is November 12

Winthrop’s Homecoming Tradition continues the week of November 7-12. Many events are planned, with the Men’s Basketball Game as the finale on Saturday night.

The week will start with a banner competition and also includes a talent show, lip sync competition, Homecoming dinner, Homecoming party, car smash, and spirit gear creation. On Saturday, Alumni are encouraged to attend the Alumni BBQ, sponsored by the Alumni Association. It’s free, but first come, first serve. After the tailgating and BBQ, come watch the Eagles beat Eastern Kentucky University. After the game, NPHC is hosting their annual Step Show.

Check out all of the events at www.winthrop.edu/homecoming.