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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



WELCOME BACK *Students*

FALL 2026

- We're excited to kick off another great Fall semester together with the WKU Hilltopper Family!

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CONNECTING TO RESOURCES



TOOLS FOR ONLINE LEARNERS

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CAMPUS RESOURCES

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Campus Resources

Student Resource Portal

- www.wku.edu/online/srp

Student Counseling Services

- The Counseling Center
 - 270-745-3159
 - counseling.center@wku.edu
- Talley Family Counseling
 - 270-745-4204

Advising and Career Development Center (ACDC)

- Academic Advising
 - 270-745-5065
 - academic.advising@wku.edu
- Career Development
 - 270-745-3095
 - careerhelp@wku.edu
- The Learning Center (tutoring)
 - 270-745-5065
 - tlc@wku.edu

Student Financial Assistance (Financial Aid)

- 270-745-2755
- fa.help@wku.edu

FirstGen Programs

- 270-745-3920
- firstgen@wku.edu

Online Student Services

- The Distance Learning Testing Center
 - 270-745-3158
 - testing-center@wku.edu
- On Demand
 - 270-745-4158
 - ondemand@wku.edu
- Academic Student Success Coaching
 - 270-745-3028
 - online.success@wku.edu

Student Activities

- Leadership and Volunteerism
 - 270-745-2459
 - taryn.calloway@wku.edu
 - amelia.kolb@wku.edu

WKU Libraries

- 270-745-3951
- web.reference@wku.edu

Information Technology Services (ITS)

- 270-745-7000
- chat live online at wku.edu/its/chat/

The Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC)

- 270-745-5004
- sarc.connect@wku.edu

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST DAY TO OPT OUT

of the Big Red Backpack Program

Required course materials are
available at the WKU Store
wku.bncollege.com

9/4

WWW.WKU.EDU/BIGREDBACKPACK/

- applies to all courses for the current semester once you register for classes
- only applies to the current semester
- if you opt-in, \$26 per credit hour will be applied to your total WKU bill
- the per credit hour Big Red Backpack charge is non-refundable after the 100% refund period

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C.A.R.E.S.

Coaching for
Academic Readiness,
Excellence, and Success

LAST DAY FOR 50% REFUND

9/7

Final day to receive a 50%
refund for full semester courses

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Questions? Contact us!

 online.success@wku.edu

 2355 Nashville Rd,
Academic Wing, C170

 270-745-3028

<https://www.wku.edu/registrationguide/>

EVENTS

[Campus Recreation and
Wellness Calendar](#)

[WKU Events Calendar](#)

[WKU Sports Calendar](#)

[Fall 2026 Academic Calendar](#)

[Registration Guides](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 9/4- last to opt out of Big Red Backpack program
- 9/7- last day to receive 50% refund
- 9/11- residual funds disbursement
- 9/14- last day to receive 25% refund

October

- 10/5 to 10/6- Fall Break
(University Closed)



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The Learning Center

When you are an online student, Online Tutoring Sessions provide FREE quality academic assistance for a variety of classes and academic skills.

Appointments via TutorTrac

Other WKU Tutoring and Support Centers



JULIE JONES
STUDENT WELLNESS
NAVIGATOR
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JOANNA SHAKE
STUDENT WELLNESS NAVIGATOR
joanna.shake@wku.edu

CHHS prepares health and human services professionals who will work to improve the quality of life in their communities and beyond. We recognize this effort must start with improving the quality of life for our students while they are in college. Focusing on the 10 dimensions of wellness (or the wellness wheel), we encourage balanced, optimal wellness for CHHS students. Reach out to us!

WKU Military Student Services

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 3 - Baseball

2:30 PM - MSS Welcome Brief and Presentation with Louisville Slugger Warriors
6:35 PM - WKU Night at the Hot Rods

September 9 - Resources

11:30 AM - MSS Open House
4:00 PM - VA Veterans Resource Fair

September 11 - Speaker

7:00 PM - Thom Tran at the National Corvette Museum



Questions? Email
military@wku.edu



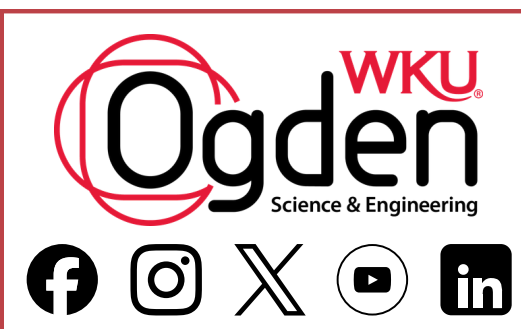
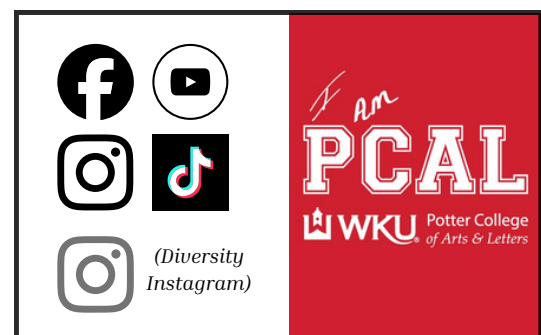
College of Education
& Behavioral Sciences
wku.edu/cebs

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Ogden College Ice Cream Social
Visit with Student Organizations
Earn a FREE Ice Cream!
Friday, Sept. 11
1:30pm-3:30pm
Rock Garden Near
Hardin Planetarium



OGDEN WELCOME BACK:

A new semester is officially here, and whether you're joining us from across the country or right down the road, we are thrilled to have you as part of the WKU community. Balancing academics with work, family, and daily life is no small feat, but that hard work is exactly what makes our Hilltopper community so strong. As you dive into your coursework, don't hesitate to reach out to our faculty, staff, and campus resources when support is needed. Wishing you a wonderful semester. Go Tops!

OCSE Resources:

- Ogden College Study Hub: [Ogden College Study Hub | Western Kentucky University](#)
- Calculator Rental Program: [Calculator Rental | Western Kentucky University](#)
- Ogden College Student Technology Information: [Ogden College Student Technology Information | Western Kentucky University](#)

DEAN BROWN'S WELCOME BACK MESSAGE:

Welcome back to PCAL! It is wonderful to see campus alive and bustling again as students, faculty, and staff return for a new semester. We hope every student finds a strong sense of belonging and community, and we encourage you to seek out the people, organizations, classrooms, and experiences where you feel most at home. As a challenge for our current students, help create spaces for our new community members, where others feel welcomed, valued, and connected. Small acts of kindness and inclusion can make a lasting difference.

Be sure to follow PCAL on social media and check the PCAL Events Calendar regularly for upcoming performances, lectures, exhibitions, workshops, and student events. We're excited to begin another great semester together, and we can't wait to see the community we'll build this year. #IAmPCAL

PCAL Event Calendar

- Build your community this year by attending an event or two! Check out the [PCAL Event Calendar](#) for college and department events throughout the year.

Follow Us!

- Keep up to date on what's happening with PCAL by following us on Instagram at [@wkupcal!](#)



From Hong Kong to the Hill: How Marcus Lum Found Purpose Through Service, Study, and the World

Senior Chinese and Criminology double major Marcus Lum isn't a traditional college student, and that's exactly what gives him a unique perspective. Click [here](#) to read more about his story!

PCAL Announces Future Names and Structure of Schools

Following approval from the President and Provost, the Potter College of Arts & Letters at WKU announces the future names and structure of their schools. The college, which currently houses eight departments and one school, will now be restructured into four schools and one department. Click [here](#) to read more!

WKU Summer Dance Intensive Celebrates Another Sold Out Year

The WKU Summer Dance Intensive is celebrating another sold out year. A summer highlight since 2016, this special week on the hill has become a summer highlight resulting in a long waitlist after reaching registration capacity. Click [here](#) to read more!

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WKU Career Development Center

careerhelp@wku.edu

(270) 745-3095

Please visit for more information about the Career Center.

Helpful Links!



Career Coaching

Resume Help

Career Guides and Planning

Informational Handouts and Resources

Upcoming Career Fairs

CAREER CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP



SEPTEMBER 22ND



5:00PM - 6:00PM



DSU 2025
The Career Studio

WHY COME?



Learn how to start conversations with employers



Build confidence introducing yourself



Learn what to ask and how to stand out



Feel prepared and make the most of your networking experience

ADVISING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER



CAREER FAIRS & EVENTS FALL 2026

JCPenny Suit-Up Event

Sep. 15th | 5:00 - 7:00pm
JCPenney at Greenwood Mall

Nursing Recruitment Fair

Sep. 23rd | 2:00 - 4:00pm
WKU MedCenter

Employer Networking Event

Sep. 29th | 5:00 - 7:00pm
Downing Student Union (3rd Floor)

SEAS Construction Fair

Oct. 14th | 11:00am - 2:00pm
Engineering & Biological Sciences Building (EBS)

SEAS Engineering & Computing Fair

Oct. 13th | 11:00am - 2:00pm
Engineering & Biological Sciences Building (EBS)

Business Internship Fair

Oct. 21st | 12:00 - 3:00pm
Chandler Hall (CHAN)

Physical Therapy Fair

Nov. 6th | 9:30am - 12:30pm
Downing Student Union (3rd Floor)

Professional Headshots

Nov. 19th | 8:30am - 3:00pm
DSU Room 2025 (Career Studio)

Success CHECKLIST

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- ACCESS TO COURSE MATERIAL
 - TEXTBOOK, EBOOK, OR DIGITAL ACCESS CODE
 - COURSE SYLLABI
 - COMPUTER AND STUDY SPACE
 - RELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTION
 - CHECKED-IN WITH PROFESSORS
 - SMART GOALS SET FOR THE SEMESTER
 - SET UP A COACHING SESSION

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Fall 2026 Remote

Join the conversation,
shift your perspective,
prepare to succeed!

MINDSET

Don't just make the grade,
develop skills that employers
want no matter your future
profession. Join the
Mindset Conversation (not
a lecture!) on **September 11**
and practice the
Art of Connecting (socially
or professionally) on
October 16.

RSVP in Suitable*
**BEFORE the day of
the event to receive
the Zoom link one
hour before the
event begins.**

- 1) Go to our webpage,
- 2) Click the event,
- 3) Log in with your
Toppermail and password,
- 4) scroll down and click
RSVP.

Ready for something MORE?

Attend the **information session for our cohort programs** on September 18 or email for details. Most cohort programs are in-person, but you have the opportunity to participate in the First Generation Student Career and Leadership Society. Sessions are across the entire academic year and all sessions are via Zoom.

Climb First, But Not Alone!



Scan to visit our webpage for
more details on any event.



We will co-present the
First-Generation Student Leadership Conference
on November 7.
Register Now!

When you register, check that you
are interested in remote sessions to
receive updates and Zoom links
when they are available.



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Experience

Scorecard, Portfolio,
Co-Curricular Record

The Suitable app helps you track,
reflect on, and showcase the
competencies that will enable you
to meet your goals.



Suitable

SPOTLIGHT ON THE COACHES

APSU Alumni 2004, 2007
Graphic Design; Curriculum & Instruction
WKU Alumni 2024
Student Affairs in Higher Education

GET TO KNOW TAMMY:

- ✓ loves Local Taco and AZZIP
- ✓ collects pressed pennies
- ✓ **FOCUS:** College of Health and Human Services; Graduate Studies; Grow Your Own- School of Teacher Education; Student Development and Engagement; Career Development

COACH TAMMY

<https://www.wku.edu/online/>

Spotlight on the Coaches

<https://www.wku.edu/online/>



USI Alumni 2018
BA in Psychology
WKU ALUMNI 2021
Student Affairs in Higher Education

GET TO KNOW JOHN:

- ✓ enjoys Blaze Pizza
- ✓ plays tennis and pickleball
- ✓ **FOCUS:** Gordon Ford College of Business; Potter College of Arts and Letters; Ogden College of Science and Engineering; College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; Military Student Services

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#wkuonline

#ClimbWithUs



Coach John

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