

August 2019

Important Dates

- [Housing opens for returning students: 8/31](#)
- Classes begin: **9/2**
- [Homecoming/Family Weekend](#), 11/1-11/3

Staying Connected

- [Parents & Families website](#)
- [Wesleyan Parents Facebook group](#)
- [New Student Orientation](#)
- [President Roth's blog](#)
- [Update Your Info](#)

Get Ready!

Greetings from Wesleyan! We hope you and your family had a terrific summer. After recently welcoming new international students to campus, we're looking forward to greeting the rest of our first-year and new transfer students on [New Student Arrival Day](#), August 28. [Returning](#) students begin arriving August 31 and classes start on Monday, September 2. The 2019-2020 academic calendar is found [here](#).

Upcoming Wesleyan Events

- Save the date for [Homecoming/Family Weekend](#), November 1-3!
- Families are invited and most welcome to attend [regional Wesleyan events](#).

Student Wellness and Safety

- Help your student prepare for emergencies by discussing the [Personal Emergency Response Plan](#). Also included are suggested items for an emergency supplies kit.
- Be sure to review [Fire and Safety Guidelines](#) as outlined by Facilities and your student take note of prohibited items.
- Does your student have [renter's insurance](#)? If not, you may want to explore options before they arrive on campus.
- WesWell, the Office of Health Education, invites you to learn more about the resources offered to students and to read the important [Family Guide to Alcohol and Other Drugs on Campus](#) information

Wesleyan's Bookstore

- The [Wesleyan RJ Julia Bookstore](#), located adjacent to campus at [413 Main Street](#), supplies the University's textbooks along with a vast selection books, including those by
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Wesleyan authors. Additionally, the bookstore has a wide assortment of Wesleyan merchandise and apparel. *grown* café, a USDA certified farm-to-fork concept located in the bookstore, provides freshly prepared, convenient meals and accepts points all day. For the first several weeks of the semester, a continuous shuttle will operate Mondays through Saturdays 9am – 9pm, Sundays 9am – 6pm.

Gordon Career Center (GCC)

The [Gordon Career Center](#) is seeking WEShadow externship hosts! Through the [WEShadow Externship Program](#), students explore careers by shadowing Wesleyan alumni and parents at their workplaces for 1-3 days during winter break (January 6-17, 2020). WEShadow hosts submit a description of their opportunity, review resumes, select an extern, and coordinate final details with their student. To learn more or volunteer for WEShadow, contact [Anne Holstead Santaniello](#).

The Gordon Career Center works with students in all class years to translate their liberal education into a lifetime of meaningful work. Encourage your student to:

- Update their profile on Handshake, Wesleyan’s career management platform, to learn about job and internship opportunities, events, and resources based on their skills and interests
- Review our fall calendar of employer information sessions, on-campus interviews, open-houses, workshops, and programs and register for the events they’re interested in attending. Members of the Class of 2020 should plan to attend our annual Senior Meeting held the first week of classes
- Meet with a career advisor to update their resume, explore career paths, search for job/internship opportunities, learn about funding resources, practice for interviews, prepare for graduate/professional school admissions, and more
- Check-out the online course, [Career Decisions: From Insight to Impact](#). Free for Wesleyan students and alumni, the course aims to help learners understand their motivations, strengths, and goals, and appreciate how personal identity affects career decision making.

Parents Making a Difference

Countless are the ways in which parents and other family members support their Wesleyan student(s). One way that directly impacts their everyday experience at Wesleyan (in addition to getting a text from you!) is making a gift to the [Parents Fund](#). Last academic year over 700 generous families participated in the Parents Fund toward reaching our \$1.6 million goal. Several scholarships were created, one of which was the Class of 2018 Scholarship, made possible by parents of last year’s graduating seniors. A member of the Class of 2022 will benefit from that scholarship carrying on the true Wesleyan spirit of paying it forward and making a

difference in the lives of others. *THANK YOU* to all the families who give so much to support their Wesleyan student(s)!
