

**Academic Advancement**

North College  
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Dear Parents and Families of Students in the Class of 2023:

With the end of summer approaching, the campus is gearing up for the arrival of new first-year students in the Class of 2025 and transfer students in the class of 2023 and 2024. This year, Drop/Add will start a week before classes begin, on August 30. This will provide students with additional time to perfect their schedules for the fall term. While masks will be required indoors, classrooms will return to full capacity, and athletics will resume full conference play for all sports. Please consult the [Keep Wes Safe website](#) for the latest information on campus safety precautions that have been put in place for coming year.

For returning students, housing opens on Saturday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m. and classes start on September 6. Drop/add will run until September 17. Fall Break takes place from the end of the day Friday, October 23, until Wednesday, October 26. Also, please remind your student not to finalize travel plans for Fall Break or the end of the semester until they have consulted with professors about the [timing of exams and finals](#), as faculty are not obligated to accommodate student travel plans when there is a scheduling conflict.

Having declared their majors last semester, juniors are now settling into their new academic homes. That said, it is important for every junior to understand that time will pass quickly between now and graduation. The more thought your student puts into their graduation plans at the beginning of the junior year, the more fruitful their senior year will be. If your student is planning to undertake an honors thesis, it is a good idea to begin the process of lining up an advisor and narrowing down the research topic before the end of this semester, especially if your student is planning to apply for funding or thesis research grants that are due early in the spring term. This fall is also a good time to drop by the [Gordon Career Center](#) to begin making preparations for both next summer and life beyond college.

Study abroad can also be a wonderfully transformative experience. For many parents, having a student who is studying abroad is an opportunity to travel vicariously and explore the nuances of a foreign culture. While this may be a particularly challenging moment in which to study abroad, some students are still pursuing international study this fall and many others are planning to do so in the spring. It is important to remember that every study abroad program provides support resources to help students meet the cultural and academic challenges they may face while studying in a foreign country.



**Wesleyan University**

I will be writing to you again mid-semester. In the meantime, please feel free to call or write if you have any questions or concerns. If you are planning to be on campus for [Homecoming/Family Weekend](#), I will be holding drop-in hours for parents on Saturday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, so please stop by if you have the time.

Best wishes,

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