

Dear Parents of Students in the Class of 2023:

With the lengthening daylight hours and the promise of warmer temperatures, many students are looking forward to the rest and renewal that the mid-semester recess (March 6 - 22) affords. Nevertheless, some students express surprise that in spite of completing a full semester at Wesleyan, they are still *settling in*, a typical response to the first year. Still, the spring semester continues to demand that students exercise self-care and pay careful attention to various timelines and academic obligations. As a whole the class of 2023 did a fabulous job of undertaking course pre-registration last semester and negotiating minor schedule adjustments during the early weeks of this term's drop/add session. Now, students are fully immersed in their second semester of college and some students may even feel ready to start making summer plans.

Although some students find it essential that they rest over the first summer of college, the personal circumstances facing other students or burning interests in particular career paths may dictate that they dedicate their summer months to paid or unpaid work or continued coursework. Please encourage your student to explore the range of career opportunities and the resources available through the [Gordon Career Center](#), the [Patricelli Center for Social Entrepreneurship](#), or consult the [Wesleyan Summer Session](#) website to review course offerings. Students who wish to enroll in one or two summer courses at another institution over the summer should arrange [pre-approval](#) of the courses prior to enrollment, while other students might be interested in earning [credits for internships](#). For now, most students are having fun, studying, and tackling the immediate tasks ahead.

Also, please be sure to look over our [class blog](#), which features my weekly "Wes 101" emails that I send out to class regarding announcements, opportunities, and academic strategies as well as deadlines, such as the deadline to withdraw from full-semester courses this term, which is April 29.

As rising sophomores, your student will be participating in their first [General Room Selection](#), also known as the housing lottery, after the mid-semester break. The process brings great excitement on campus as students begin to enjoy increased access to housing options. Also, before they know it, it will be time for students to preregister for Fall 2020 courses. The planning phase for course pre-registration (March 31-April 13) will provide an opportunity for students to design strategic course plans to declare their majors in their second semester of sophomore year. From April 15-21, the enrollment system will allow students to review their courses, make adjustments to their schedules, and secure their advisors' approval of their plan of study.

It is never too early to meet with one's faculty advisor or with me. The extent of a student's interactions with advisors should extend beyond course selection approval. Faculty and staff members welcome opportunities to get to know the hopes, dreams, and concerns that students have throughout the academic year.

Please encourage your student to contact me and I hope you too will not hesitate to get in touch with me as well if you have any general questions or think I might be able to assist your student in any way.

Best wishes,

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