

# WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

## COMMUTER STUDENT E-NEWSLETTER

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### To All WCSU Commuters

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The Western Connecticut State University Office of Commuter Student Services welcomes you to our December 2018 Issue of the Commuter Student E-Newsletter. Our goal is to connect Commuters on a monthly basis to campus resources, events and important information.

This month's issue includes a special focus on campus security and protocols; as well as Financial Aid information and important dates to remember.

The Office of Commuter Student Services realizes that a partnership with students can play a vital role

in your success, and to that end we appreciate our growing relationship with you.

We welcome any ideas or suggestions that you may have for articles that would be of interest to you for future newsletters. You can forward them to the contact information listed below. Please feel free to contact my office at any time.

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### ALERT: Important Financial Aid Information

- January 17** Spring 2019 Financial Aid Disbursement Date
- February 12** University Census Date (Freeze Date) – enrollment is captured; status as of that date may result in changes to your financial aid eligibility and funds *already* disbursed. As such, a balance due may result.
- March 1** Financial Aid Priority Deadline for 2019-2020 (*Verification completed within 30 days of notification, if selected*)

#### Verification with Inceptia

Verification is the process by which additional information may be requested of you in order to process your financial aid award offer. To expedite the federal verification process, we have partnered with Inceptia and will use a *Verification Gateway* online portal. If your FAFSA is selected, you will receive an email from Inceptia to create your access to the portal – [verificationgateway.org/wcsu2020](http://verificationgateway.org/wcsu2020).

**Financial Aid Withdrawal Policy** – [wcsu.edu/finaid/policies/withdrawal-policy](http://wcsu.edu/finaid/policies/withdrawal-policy) It is important that students attend all classes.

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## WCSU Police Communications Class 101

Your safety is Western Connecticut State University's top concern. In support of that, we recently launched an initiative to further strengthen our emergency preparedness and communication plan using Everbridge—a leading provider of critical communication solutions. This system enables WCSU to deliver critical information to our WCSU family about a wide variety of situations, including campus safety alerts, public health emergencies, campus evacuations, and class cancellations.

WCSU's updated alert system enables university officials to communicate with students, staff, and faculty in minutes by sending a message through multiple contact methods—including email, text messaging, and phone calls. This is a free service to members of the WCSU community.

Once you are a registered student, faculty, or staff and have access to your WCSU email account, you will receive an invitation to your WCSU email from Everbridge. Follow the directions in this notification email to activate your ENS account. If you did not receive the invitation to activate your ENS account, please contact the IT&I Service Desk at (203) 837-8467 or email [requestIT@wcsu.edu](mailto:requestIT@wcsu.edu).

If you need to update your account in Everbridge, please visit <https://member.everbridge.net>.

In your settings, you can include the email addresses and phone numbers of family and friends that you would also like to receive the notifications.

**Please Note:** You cannot remove your WCSU email address, but you can remove any other contact information that you added including phone numbers.

If you encounter any problems, please contact the IT&I Service Desk at (203) 837-8467 or email [requestIT@wcsu.edu](mailto:requestIT@wcsu.edu).

Good Luck and always remember to stay safe!!!!

Sincerely,

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## HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE: ARE YOU TIRED OF COMMUTING?

*Why not live on campus for the  
Spring 2019 semester?*

*Check out our website: [www.wcsu.edu/housing](http://www.wcsu.edu/housing)  
for more information.*

- Pay the \$250.00 Housing Deposit online (EZ-Pay)
- Register and maintain 12 credits for the Spring 2019 semester
- Complete a Housing Application (if requesting a current resident as a roommate)
- ROLLING APPLICATIONS
- Attend Room Selection during your assigned appointment



Do you need to find a group to live with? Here is a way that may help:



Check out the Facebook discussion  
"Need a Roommate for Spring 2019?"  
on the



Happy Holidays!