My Calendar page is now the month of May. No more snow, ice and cold, cold temperatures. So now what? Our students are packing up and we begin the transition into summer. Construction projects will start up along with summer conferences. The campus will have plenty of parking and I can have unhurried conversations without this topic coming up. It is looking to be a good few months. Unless of course we let our guard down and become complacent. Safety and security is everyone's responsibility. So let's review some areas we should keep in mind as we go into summer.

There will be a lot of new people on campus from summer conference clients to contractors. If someone comes into your work area and appears to be suspicious, ask them if you can help them or call Public Safety to come and investigate. Thieves rely on trusting people to create opportunities to access areas where valuables can be found. You should be informed in advance of any contractor coming into your work area to perform any work assignments, or they should be accompanied by a college employee. Don't assume everyone is who they say they are.

Keep your offices and valuables secured when you're not there to oversee the work area. Walking down the hall to visit a colleague in another office is all the time it takes for a thief to get in and out, taking your valuables with them. Take the extra step of keeping your work area secured.

Report any and all suspicious activities to Public Safety. We need your help in focusing our attentions to where they are needed.

Check your WAC Alerts account to make sure you are up to date with your information.

Download the LiveSafe App on your phone and use it to report suspicious activities or safety concerns to us. You can also use it to monitor the travels of your friends and co-workers.

And most importantly, enjoy some time off with your family and friends. Our students will be back before you know it.
The featured employee for the month of April 2015 is Connor Fleegle

Conner Fleegle has been an integral part of the Athletics Communications Office since the spring of 2008 when he was still attending Kent County High School. That spring, he helped the office out as a PA announcer and then at the men’s lacrosse NCAA Tournament game versus Lynchburg when we were without our student workers due to the school year coming to a close. He continued to help us out as a PA announcer, both volunteer and a contract worker for the next couple of years. In the spring of 2011, Conner would become the Voice of Washington College Athletics as the office decided to start a pilot broadcasting program. The pilot was a success and led to his current position at the college, Athletics Broadcasting Coordinator, which he has held since the summer of 2011. Since the fall of 2011, all home contests of men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s lacrosse, softball and baseball have been broadcasted either on video/audio or audio only.

Conner prepares for a broadcast like many on television and radio do, by spending hours researching the other team and coming up with information to provide the audience. He has been praised for his work by fans of Washington College, fans of the opposition and the athletics communications of the opposing colleges. This spring Conner will be broadcasting 10 Washington College softball games from spring break in Florida. Even though Conner wants Washington College to win, he has no trouble giving praise to the other team when it is warranted. For the past three years, he has been a part of the Centennial Conference Basketball Tournaments Preview show even though WC has not been a part of either tournament.

Conner is also one of the most supportive people to follow the Shoremen and Shorewomen. He has traveled to road contests of volleyball, field hockey, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, men’s basketball, women’s basketball and baseball either as a fan or to broadcast. In 2012 he served on the Games Committee for the Centennial Conference Baseball Tournament where the Shoremen reached the championship game. He doesn’t have to travel to many of these games, but he does because of how much he loves Washington College Athletics. Back in 2010, Conner wrote an article for the Sho’men Club Newsletter following the men’s basketball run to the Centennial Conference Tournament. Washington College is very fortunate to have a broadcaster who cares about the game he calls and treats every game, from a mid-September women’s soccer match to War on the Shore like it is the most important broadcast of the year.
“Supporting the fighters, admiring the survivors, honoring the taken, and never, ever giving up hope.” Relay for Life at Washington College represents this saying. Our team of students work hard each year to raise money and support Relay for Life. This year, on March 28th, 2015 Relay for Life held their annual event in the Johnson Fitness Center. Some of the activities that occurred over the 10 hour period included a Kids’ Carnival, Locks for Love hair cutting, the luminaria ceremony, messy twister, and a rave. By the end of the event, Washington College Relay for Life had raised $40,909.40 with 42 teams and 451 participants.

The Washington College Relay for Life has been held each spring in the JFC since 2010. The Relay for Life Committee consists of five separate branches that help to make the event a success. The Survivorship Committee works with people who have survived cancer and helps to organize recognition for these people. The Public Relations Committee helps the community and college learn about what is happening with Relay for Life and get people involved with the fundraisers. Our Fundraising Committee helps to keep track of the goals we set for raising money and helps to distinguish our top donators and teams. The Entertainment Committee works on providing activities throughout the night of Relay. Lastly, the Luminaria Committee helps to sell luminaries in remembrance of people who lost their fight to cancer, or people who are currently battling cancer.

Last year, Washington College Relay for Life was awarded the third top grossing per capita youth organization in the category of fewer than 2,500 students. Relay for Life prides itself on the fact that we are not just raising money for people battling cancer, but we are raising awareness, and helping in the search for a cure. Cancer affects so many people, and with so much variety, most people know the feeling of having a loved one who has been diagnosed with cancer, fought cancer, or lost to cancer. Our Relay for Life team fights cancer one dollar, one Luminaria, and one volunteer at a time.

The student leadership welcomes participation from Washington College staff and faculty. WC employees are welcome to form teams, join an existing team, or organize/participate in fundraisers throughout the year. The date for the 2016 Relay for Life event has yet to be set, but it will take place in March or April. Student committee members will be reaching out staff and faculty next year to invite them to participate, but anyone interested in forming a team or helping to organize the event is welcome to contact Brooke Burghardt at bburghardtz@washcoll.edu.

-Joelle Williamson

Check out the event at:  http://www.washcoll.edu/live/galleries/2926-relay-for-life-2015
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Campus Events is looking for volunteers for the following Commencement events:

**Friday, May 15th - Commencement Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM**
We are looking for people to help scan tickets.

**Saturday, May 16th - Commencement 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM, and 12:00 - 2:30 PM**
We are looking for people to help direct people around campus and drive people to and from parking lots.

Please e-mail Carol (clandis2) if you are able to volunteer.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Please welcome the following staff members to WC:

Nicole Deale, Katie Laking and Kimberly Olavarria

The following staff are no longer with WC. We wish them well in their next adventure.

Daniel Blakeney, Wanya Brown, Mishaad Jones, Leanne Murray, Janet Sigler

WC BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT – UPCOMING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

**May 13, 2015**
Location: The Egg – Presentations
The Goose Nest – Computer Kiosk 4-5 set up for elections

**Schedule:**
9:30 am to 10:30 am General Session
10:30 am to 11:30 am CHDP with HAS
BREAK
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm General Session
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Aetna Advantage

**May 14, 2015**
Location: The Egg – Presentations
The Goose Nest – Computer Kiosk 4-5 set up for elections

**Schedule:**
9:30 am to 10:30 am General Session
10:30 am to 11:30 am Aetna Advantage
BREAK
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm General Session
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm CHDP with HAS

The HR Portal for Open Enrollment will be open May 11, 2015 thru May 27, 2015

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