COME JOIN THE CLEANUP

The Wayne Gilcrest Trail Clean Up is a joint initiative between the Town of Chestertown and the Washington College SGA to promote community fellowship between students, staff, faculty, and town members while beautifying our Rails to Trails.

The Wayne Gilchrest Trail, which opened on Earth Day in 2012, runs along the southern edge of the historic Maryland Eastern Shore community of Chestertown. The trail connects Washington College to the Chestertown business district and is named for the former congressman whose 2003 federal earmark made development of the trail possible.

Start your journey at popular Wilmer Park on the Chester River. The trail begins just across S. Cross Street/State Route 289 from the park, where an original train station has been converted to office use. Because the trail occupies an abandoned rail corridor that last saw freight service in the early 1990s, trail users are treated to a flat surface and gentle curves.

From the old train station, the rail-trail parallels Cannon Street adjacent to some of the town’s charming residences. A turn to the northeast shortly thereafter takes bikers and walkers to High Street. In the future, Chestertown plans to construct an extension to the trail running adjacent to High Street; this spur will connect to additional residences to the north of the town.

Across High Street, the trail passes an industrial property before entering the campus of Washington College. The trail runs along the entire length of the campus of the 10th oldest college in the United States before ending at Morgnec Road/SR 291.

To learn more about this trail, go to: https://www.traillink.com/trail/wayne-gilchrest-trail.aspx

The cleanup will be Sunday, November 15 in the afternoon and we hope you come join us. The first 100 people will receive free long-sleeve t-shirts, and all will be provided coffee and donuts. The project may also entail helping with the stretch of Adopt a Highway that the SGA maintains. To sign up for this event, or for more information, please contact Audrey Utchen (autchen2washcoll.edu).
Larry Stahl, Technical Director at the Gibson Center, is a very busy employee who takes care that details of an event are perfect and made to look natural and easy. We all know that is not the case. There is nothing easy about coordinating a convocation, special event or production. When President Griswold sent out the following quote from Larry to student employees regarding the homecoming service for one of our most treasured WC employees, Louis Saunders, I wept. Louis stirred this kind of emotion in all of us and Larry, on one his most busy weekends ever, made sure Louis’ homecoming was perfect. Larry Stahl to student employees: “We have a very special and somber event that will be added to our schedule sometime in the next several weeks. Some important details are still to be determined, specifically the exact date involved, but I wanted to give everyone a heads up. This will be an opportunity for the Gibson Center and the Gibson Crew to help pay respects to one of the most beloved employees this College has ever had. I’m pretty sure that none of you ever met Mr. Louis Saunders, who retired several years ago after working for the College in the Buildings and Grounds department for 45 years. If you have ever wondered exactly who the nicest person on the planet was, the correct answer is Louis Saunders. He was courteous and friendly to everyone he dealt with — from College Presidents to lost freshmen, he was good at his job, and he had a great laugh. Sadly, Mr. Saunders has been very ill for some time and is now at home in hospice care with his family, who are anticipating his passing very soon. They have asked the College for permission to have his funeral service on the campus that he loved, and of course the answer was ‘yes’.

What's Happening

FALL FEST – Wednesday November 11, 2015

FALL ADVISING DAY – Wednesday November 11, 2015 (No Classes)

Thanksgiving Break for Staff – Wednesday November 25th to Friday November 27th (COLLEGE CLOSED)

Comings and Goings

Please welcome to the WC family the following staff members:

Judith Miller and Mallory Westlund

The following staff are no longer with WC and we wish them well in their next adventure:

Alice LaDue, Kay MacIntosh, Patrick Allen Payne and Jessica Rudloff

(if we have missed someone, please email us so they can be included in the next newsletter)
Who we are:
Character Counts Kent County is a non-profit organization that works closely with the school systems (public/private) in Kent County to provide a character education program for students in grades pre-k - 9th. Our team of community volunteers, Character Coaches, works with students on a weekly basis, aiming to make a positive difference in their lives.
Our program has been in the Kent County Public School System for the last 15 years and we look forward to starting programs at Kent School and the Christian Academy this year.
Our goal is to strengthen our community by encouraging a culture of kindness and strong ethical values through the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Check out our website www.cckentmd.org

Role of a coach:
Each week our "Coaches" visit classrooms, some go in individually and some choose to co-coach with another volunteer. Lessons last for about 15-20 minutes and can deal with topics as simple as good manners, goal setting and caring for the environment to more complex lessons like bullying.
Coaches hold discussions with the class, organize short activities and teach students the importance of strong ethical values. They often read books to the elementary age students or share videos from our youtube page. We find students also really like when our coaches tie their personal experiences in to the lesson and share some of their thoughts.
Each of the lesson topics revolve around our core Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Citizenship and Caring. We provide our coaches with all the tools and resources they need - a book of lesson plans/ideas; a topic schedule; a school calendar; links to books to read to younger students, youtube videos to share etc.
Our director, Deann Jones, contacts our coaches on a weekly basis (via e-mail) with lesson ideas for the week. Deann is easy to get in touch with and is available to help coaches at any time. If you are interested in coaching you can reach out to Deann and she will get you started or I would be happy to put you in touch.

Executive Director Contact info:
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Debbie K. Gannon on October 18, 2015. Debbie was a longtime employee of Washington College in the Business Office. Debbie was such a delightful woman who always made sure that payroll was going properly and cared deeply about making sure everyone was taken care of. She always went above and beyond for Washington College and will be missed greatly by all her friends, her family and her Washington College family.

Memorial Contributions can be made at: Compass Regional Hospital, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617