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FALL EVENTS 2026

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

INTERNATIONAL NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

MITCHELL HALL, 1ST FLOOR • 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Welcome to WCU! Learn about campus resources, academic, cultural, and social life at WCU, and how to maintain your legal F-1 and J-1 visa status. Orientation is mandated by The Department of Homeland Security.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WELCOME BACK EVENT*

MITCHELL HALL • 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Kick off the new semester by connecting with incredible people from every corner of the globe over great food and friendly lawn games. Whether you are returning to campus or just arriving, this is your perfect chance to reconnect with old friends, meet new faces, and share stories from home.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

GLOBAL BITES & CONNECTIONS

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER, RM 406 • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us at the Global Engagement Center on the third Thursday of each month this Fall semester for free snacks, good conversation, and a chance to connect with fellow students from around the world. Come relax, meet new people, and celebrate global community—no RSVP needed!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) WORKSHOP*

VIRTUAL • 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn about the OPT application process and eligibility. This workshop is mandatory for F-1 students graduating in December 2026 and planning to apply for OPT. Others may attend in their graduating semester, as this workshop is conducted in both Fall and Spring semesters.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

APPLE PICKING AT LINVILLA ORCHARDS*

LINVILLA ORCHARDS, MEDIA, PA • 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Enjoy the beauty of Fall season by picking a variety of apples straight from the trees and engaging in a bunch of other fun, Fall-themed activities!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) WORKSHOP*

VIRTUAL • 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn about the Curricular Practical Training (CPT) application process and eligibility requirements. All F-1 students interested in internships as a part of their academic program are required to attend this workshop.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION*

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER, RM 406 • 12:00-2:00 PM

Join us in celebrating the end of the semester and in recognizing the graduating international students as they receive their country flag stoles to wear with their academic regalia at their commencement ceremony.

TUES-THU, DECEMBER 8-10

FINALS WEEK STRESS BUSTER

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER, RM 406 • 12:00-2:00 PM

Take a break from studying to relax, socialize, and unwind while enjoying delicious food during finals week.

* Indicates pre-registration on RamConnect is required