RECRUITMENT CORNER: Fall Numbers are Up! Welcome to WSU, New Cougs!

by Autumn Jones

Our number of self-identified Native applicants to WSU continues to grow. Our numbers have almost doubled since Fall of 2012 and I couldn’t have been more excited when we broke 1000 Native applicants to WSU for Fall 2016!

I know there are many communities and schools I have yet to visit, but want to ensure you are receiving the most up to date information regarding our resources and support services for Native students here at WSU. Please email me if you would like to request materials be mailed to your school or office. I will not be doing very much travel this spring, but come fall I will be on the road.

Native students and staff hike Kamiak Butte during 2015 Week of Welcome.

For Accepted Students:

Congratulations on being accepted to Washington State University!

Registration is Now Open for Future Cougars of Color

Future Cougars of Color (FCOC) is a scholarship and visitation program for newly-admitted Cougs. You must have completed the WSU admission and scholarship applications by Jan 31, and be offered in-state* admission, to qualify for FCOC. All students who attend the March 11–12, 2016 FCOC weekend will receive a renewable scholarship of $1000 per year!

*Students who qualify for in-state tuition under the American Indian Residency Bill are eligible to attend.

Freshmen Next Steps

Congratulations on your admission to WSU! We look forward to seeing you on campus soon. Before then, there are a few steps you need to take to confirm your admission and reserve your space at WSU. Here’s what you need to do:

1. Confirm your admission and save your spot by paying the $200 non-refundable tuition deposit* (advanced payment on tuition). This will reserve your space at WSU. You’ll need to do this before you can apply for campus housing and sign up for orientation/registration. For assistance setting up your network ID and navigating myWSU, visit myWSU info.

After you confirm your admission, you can:

1. Apply for on-campus housing as soon as possible after confirming your admission. The sooner you apply for housing, the better your chances of getting one of your top residence hall choices. The housing application requires a $400 advanced housing payment* plus a $150 security deposit. Freshmen are required to live on campus for their first year.
2. **Sign up for Alive! orientation** as soon as possible after confirming your admission. All new students must attend an orientation session to meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. The Alive! orientation matriculation fee* is $230 for students and $155 for parents/guests (parent attendance is optional). Some grants are available for those with financial need, please contact New Student Programs for more information.

3. **Take the online math placement exam** before attending orientation. Get started on this step early so you can take advantage of the 6-week online review.

4. **Take the writing placement exam.** The exam can be taken online at any time, or as a pencil-and-paper test at your Alive! orientation session.

5. Provide proof of immunization. You’ll need to provide proof of measles (Rubeola) immunity before registering for classes. [Forms and other information](#) are available from WSU Health and Wellness Services.

6. **Sign in to myWSU** (WSU’s student information system) and review your personal to-do lists for financial aid, orientation, and more.

*Ready to confirm your admission or make a housing deposit, but finances holding you back? I can help! Contact me for assistance.*

Please contact me if you have an upcoming community event or college fair you would like me to attend.

Peace! Love! GO COUGS! 

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