

National Kite Month

April 23 - 28, 2007

Celebrates kiting with more than 600 events throughout the country, including kite festivals, kite making classes for kids and adults, kite making classes in schools, kite displays in museums and public libraries and "fun flies" at local parks and beaches. Web: www.NationalKiteMonth.org.

WCCC Website: wccc4me.org

SGA News

Hey!! Welcome to another lovely edition of the Grapevine. Thanks to everyone that came to Aprilfest, we had a wonderful time. Hilby was hilarious, picking on a few people in the audience (Kudos for giving Dick Holler a hard time during the performance). The band was great and everyone had a good time dancing along to the music.

Another big thank you to everyone who came out for Family Fest last Friday. The gymnasium was turned into the ultimate carnival area which smelled wonderfully of all the different snacks. Thanks to Nate and Dennis from Ultra Sound for providing the movie screen.

There will be two last events this semester; the first will be on Thursday, April 26 from 11-1 pm. It will be an educational display on stress management, with free massages from Massage on the Go. This event will be located in the Student Center of Founders Hall. The last event for the semester will be a snack break during finals week. We will be giving away snacks and drinks for students, keep posted for more details.

Submitted by:
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SGA Senator

Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be held on **Tuesday, April 24** at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Room, Founders Hall.

Club News

Phi Theta Kappa of WCCC holding Westmoreland Manor Prize Drive

Phi Theta Kappa of WCCC will be holding a collection for the residents of Westmoreland Manor. We are looking for small items that would make ideal Bingo prizes, such as word searches, photo frames, decorative figurines, lotions, Kleenex, or anything else you feel a resident might enjoy receiving as a prize. There will be donation boxes located in the front lobby of Founder's Hall, as well as Science Hall, from **April 16 through April 27**. Your support is greatly appreciated!

College News

Last Grapevine for the spring 2007 Semester

The last *Grapevine* for the spring 2007 semester will be published the week of **April 30**. Information should be submitted to the Gymnasium Office by **noon, Wednesday, April 25** via e-mail to Tammy Catalano at catalanot@wccc.edu or Interoffice Mail. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Catalano at extension 4132.

All Library Books due May 4

All students should return their library books by **Friday, May 4**. Books cannot be checked out or renewed after that date.

**Fun, Creative, Outgoing WCCC Students,
I'm Looking For You!**

Beginning with the fall 2007 term, the Student Government Association will no longer be responsible for planning and promoting the social activities for WCCC students. What does this mean? We need a new Activities Board to form. If you are interested in helping to plan, promote, and run the social activities offered to WCCC students, please sign up now for our new Activities Board. The board will be meeting a few times during the summer 2007 term to plan and schedule the fall activities. To sign up, simply email Kelly Carpenter - Advisor & Student Activities Professional at carpenterk@wccc.edu and provide your name & phone number. Or you can stop into the Student Activities Office, located in the Founders Hall Student Center, for more details!

Let Your Voice Be Heard By Representing the Student Body. Announcing a NEW SGA...

Executive Board Positions are now open for a WCCC Student Government Association that will govern over WCCC Student Clubs and Organizations, Have an active seat on various college committees and offer an opportunity for leadership roles.

For more information, or for an application, please stop in to the Student Activities Office located in the Founders Hall Student Center or call 724-925-4055.

Applications for the five Executive Board positions of the NEW Westmoreland County Community College Student Government Association must be completed and returned to the Student Activities Office no later than Tuesday May 8, 2007.

Vector Marketing - Employer Information Table

From the Placement & Cooperative Education Office

Vector Marketing will be on campus accepting applications for summer work on *Wednesday, April 25, 2007*. They offer entry-level positions in customer service/sales with very competitive pay and great resume experience. All majors are considered and paid internships are available. They will be located in FH, main lobby from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by to visit and pick up some information! **Go to:**

<http://www.workforstudents.com>

College Coffee Break



THURSDAY APRIL 26
8:30 – 9:30 AM
(OR UNTIL THE COFFEE RUNS OUT)
FOUNDERS HALL
STUDENT CENTER

A chance for WCCC Students to Meet, mingle and network with WCCC Faculty, Administration and Staff.

Pastries, Fruit, Juice and Starbucks Coffee will be provided.

Last Coffee Break of the Semester!!

This event is brought to you by the Student Activities Office.

Any questions can be directed to Kelly Carpenter, ext. 4055



WCCC & Penn State New Kensington Sign Articulation Agreement

Penn State New Kensington and Westmoreland County Community College officials are partnering to offer a bachelor's degree program at the community college.

Dr. Larry Pollock, chancellor of Penn State New Kensington, and Dr. Steven C. Ender, WCCC president, last month signed an articulation agreement that allows WCCC students to complete a bachelor of science degree in Organizational Leadership (OLEAD) at the community college's Youngwood campus.

The Organizational Leadership program draws on many of the disciplines from the liberal arts. Students will be expected to learn and practice skills that focus on understanding how organizations function, both formally and informally, and how individuals function within organizations.

"OLEAD is a practical degree that focuses on leadership, communication, ethics, employee relations, law and workplace dynamics, which are

many of the employment issues leaders face in the 21st century," said Dr. Pollock.

Under the terms of the agreement, Penn State will accept 74 credits from WCCC to be applied to the OLEAD bachelor's degree. Students who enroll in the program will take two accelerated courses per semester at the Youngwood campus. Those who wish to complete their degree sooner may take online classes.

"We are very pleased to partner with Penn State New Kensington," said Dr. Ender.

"This articulation agreement provides our students with an excellent opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at a prestigious university without leaving WCCC," said Ender.

Penn State's OLEAD classes will begin at the community college this fall.

An Information Session has been scheduled to provide prospective students with more information on the program. The session will be held Tuesday, April 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the main lobby of Founders Hall.

Although the session is free, registration is encouraged. To register, call 724-334-6010.

WCCC Accepting Scholarship Applications through May 1

Westmoreland County Community College is accepting applications for its 2007-08 academic year tuition scholarships through May 1.

The college has 38 scholarships available and several will be awarded to multiple recipients.

Eligibility requirements vary by scholarship and may include demonstration of academic achievement, financial need, residency in a particular area, and/or enrollment in a particular WCCC major, such as business, criminal justice, culinary arts and nursing.

Among the awards is the President's Scholarship which is available to every Westmoreland County high school senior who graduates within the top 10 percent of his or her 2007 high school class. This full-tuition scholarship is renewable for the second year based on the recipient maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

The college also awards Trustees' Meritorious Scholarships to two graduating seniors in each Westmoreland County high school and one in each career and technology center. Applicants must graduate with a 3.0 grade point average and must enroll full-time at WCCC.

Several scholarships are also available to current WCCC students who will return for the fall 2007 semester.

A complete listing of WCCC scholarships, eligibility criteria and applications are available on the college website at www.wccc.edu. Information and application materials are also available by contacting Cheri Kramer, WCCC scholarship coordinator at 724-925-4215 or kramerc@wccc.edu.

2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid

From the Financial Aid Office

The 2007-2008 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and worksheet are available in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130, and online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to complete the application entirely, including your (and your parent's) signature. Pennsylvania has a deadline of May 1, 2007 for the state grant. The application **must be received before May 1**. If you have not completed this application and want financial aid for the new academic year, which begins with the fall semester, you need to do so **NOW!**

Transfer Representative Visiting

Representatives from the following universities will be visiting WCCC during the spring semester:

Indiana University of PA

Monday, April 23

9 am to 1 pm

Main Lobby of Founders Hall

Information Sessions for the B.S. in Organizational Leadership Degree

From the Student Development Office

WCCC and Penn State University have signed a partnership agreement which makes available the bachelor of science in Organizational Leadership at the Youngwood Campus. The degree will be available beginning in the fall of 2007 and will be in an accelerated format. Questions about the degree, transfer credits, and other questions will be answered at the information session scheduled below:

Pennsylvania State University

B.S. Organizational Leadership Degree

(Can be completed at Youngwood Campus)

Tuesday, April 24

5 pm to 7 pm

Main Lobby of Founders Hall

American Education Services (AES) Lighten Your Debt Sweepstakes

From the Financial Aid Office

The American Education Services (AES) is giving students the chance to lighten their debt with the \$20,000 Lighten Your Debt Sweepstakes.

Here is a chance to win four prizes: \$10,000, \$5,000 and (two) \$2,500 FFELP loan payments to be made toward each winner's student loan balance. The sweepstakes runs March 15, 2007 through May 15, 2007 and is open to all customers with an AES guaranteed student loan. Everyone is encouraged to enter today and take advantage of the debt management tips and real life advice that YouCanDealWithIt.com has to offer.

Scholarships

From the Financial Aid Office

J. Carol "Pansy" Pacelli Scholarship will offer \$500 to one student and their accredited institution. The applicant must be a member in good standing of WESTCO Federal Credit Union AND must be enrolled as (1) a student at an accredited educational institution or (2) a high school senior accepted at an accredited educational institution at the time of application. Application and other information can be found in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: April 30, 2007**

The Fayette County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) will accept applications for its Non-Traditional Scholarship Award. For the academic year 2007-2008, the organization will offer two \$500 awards to non-traditional students that are residents of Fayette County (PA). A copy of the Award Guidelines and Application can be found in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: April 30, 2007**

The Murrysville Woman's Club Non-Traditional Scholarship application is available to any interested woman who is a Westmoreland County Resident and is at least twenty years of age. Copies of this application is available in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: May 1, 2007**

W S Lane Scholarship Fund

This fund provides interest-free loans for qualifying students. Stop into the Financial Aid Office, FH 130, for the provisions.

Deadline: May 1, 2007.

Agnes Kakos Memorial Scholarship for Early Childhood Education

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to students of Mount Pleasant Area High School, who live in Mount Pleasant Township. The applicants must have plans to continue their education at WCCC in the field of early childhood education. The award is a one-time scholarship that will be paid directly to the college upon successful completion of the first academic term. Application can be found in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: May 1, 2007**

Michael J. Kakos Memorial Scholarship for Criminal Justice

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to students of Mount Pleasant Area High School, who live in Mount Pleasant Township or who have attended Norvelt Elementary School. The applicants must have plans to continue their education at WCCC in the field of criminal justice. The award is a one-time scholarship that will be paid directly to the college upon successful completion of the first academic term. Application can be found in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: May 1, 2007**

2007 Coca-Cola Scholarship for Two-Year Colleges

A one-time \$1000 scholarship is available to students who are nominated. Community service and a minimum GPA of 2.5 are some of the qualifications. Application guidelines and website instructions can be found in the Financial Aid Office, FH 130. **Deadline: May 31, 2007**

2nd Annual Commencement Rose Sale

Once again, family and friends may purchase fresh-cut roses from *Commencement Flowers* prior to graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 10. The alumni association uses its earnings from this sale to replenish and build its scholarship fund. This year, the association awarded four scholarships to current students and hopes to earn enough money to increase the number of recipients next year.

As a convenience to working individuals, roses may be pre-ordered online and picked up that evening. There is an array of colors and prices. Deadline for pre-ordering is Thursday, May 3, 2007. Please visit the WCCC Alumni Association on *CampusConnections*, or through *WCCC.edu*, clicking on *Alumni & Friends*, then *Alumni Association*, then

Member Activities, for a quick link to view the roses and pre-order. Access can also be gained by typing <http://www.commencementflowers.com/flowerscatalog/index.php?id=WEST1> in the address bar of your favorite browser.

If you cannot order online, no problem...a huge selection will be available that evening. Any questions or need more info, please call 724-925-4040 and leave a message.

WCCC Alumni Logo Apparel

Looking for a great gift to give a 2007 graduate? WCCC Alumni logo Sweatshirts (\$18) and 100% cotton Polo Shirts (\$18) are sold by the Alumni Association to raise funds for scholarships. Sport Blankets (\$25) also make great gifts! Items can be shipped for a \$5.00 fee. To order, please call 724-925-4040 and leave a voicemail.

OVR Students

Lisa Amoroso, our OVR Counselor, will be on campus the Mondays listed below. She will be in Commissioners Hall in the Continuing Education/Grants Office. To make an appointment please call her on Tuesdays only at (814) 255-6771 or toll free 1-800-762-4223. Her hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, messages can be left for her at the Johnstown District Office.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
April 23, 30

Students with Disabilities

From the Student Development Office

Just a reminder that if you need any type of academic accommodation you must meet with Mary Ellen Beres in the Student Development Office to discuss your individual needs. All accommodations are arranged on an individual basis. If you are currently receiving an academic accommodation, please remember that you must meet with Mary Ellen **EACH** registration period for continued accommodations. You can call Mary Ellen at (724) 925-4189 or stop by the office for an appointment.

Information for the Grapevine

All information for the *Grapevine* should be submitted to the Gymnasium Office **by noon on Wednesday**. It should be typed and include a contact phone number in the event of questions. Information may also be e-mailed to Tammy Catalano at catalanot@wccc.edu. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Catalano at (724) 925-4132.

Quote of the Week

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

Did You Know...?

The following activity is prohibited and you may face disciplinary action for engaging in such an activity:

Operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner.

- WCCC Student Handbook & Catalog

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Greater Latrobe Asset Developers (GLAD) is hosting a **Community Asset Day** on *Saturday April 28, 2007* from 9:30 am until 2:00pm at the Latrobe Elementary School. At this free event, families can discover and rediscover the assets in their community. Organizations, programs and businesses will showcase their summer activities for youth in the Greater Latrobe Community. Families will be able to access classes, programs and activities available for their children this summer. Call ParentWISE, Inc. at 724 837-5410 for additional information or to host a booth.