Opening events for faculty and staff

Excellence in Thought: Student Success

Walla Walla University
Sept. 10–29, 2018
Opening events

Welcome to the 2018–19 school year!

Dear WWU colleagues,

As we approach the beginning of the 2018–2019 academic year, we do so with anticipation and with focus on an important theme—Excellence in Thought: Student Success. Our new year harbors a supreme privilege—to serve Christ as our risen Lord as we pursue the mission of WWU.

Thank you for all the work you have already done to prepare for this new year, for your vigorous participation in the opening events described here, and for living out our core themes—excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression, and faith in God.

Cordially,

John K. McVay
President

New faculty and staff

Brandon Aberle
IT, computer support manager

Logan Adams
Athletics, associate athletic director for sports information

Karly Bailey
SFS, administrative assistant

Twyla Leiske Bechel
KGTN, community relations coordinator

Cecilia Brothers
Biology, assistant professor

Eric Cantrell
Athletics, athletic director

Donald Cramley
Academic Administration, institutional research data analyst

Troy Davis
Counseling and Testing Center, counselor

Hilary Dickerson
History, professor

April Duffy
Graduate studies, administrative assistant

James Foster
Computer science, assistant professor

Albert Handal
Chaplain, director

Justin Hedges
Custodial, custodial floor maintenance

Michael Hellie
HPE, assistant professor

Michael Jensen
Engineering, GHEE program coordinator and STEM recruiter

Amanda Lewis
Social work and sociology (Billings), assistant professor

David Lopez
Center for Humanitarian Engagement, director

Adrian Marston
Chaplain’s Office, assistant chaplain for discipleship

Dale Milam
MES, director of admissions

Ryan Mowat
Engineering, associate professor

Karen Murcia
Life, Changing. Campaign fund, advancement officer

Eunice Muriu
Nursing, assistant professor

Cristian Neacsu
Music, associate professor and chair

George Perez
Business, assistant professor

Rachel Richardson
Library, acquisitions specialist

Heidi Roberts
SDC, administrative assistant

Jenniffer Landaverde
Village Life, administrative assistant

Christian Scheid
Campus Security, security supervisor

Vania Schimpf
Accounting, accounts payable assistant

Flor Smith
Music, administrative assistant

Dan Solis
Athletics, head cross country coach

Nancy Starr
Academic Records, administrative assistant

Doug Thomsen
Engineering, associate professor

Kaitlyn Whitley
Health and physical education, administrative assistant

Jack Wollens
Advancement, advancement research analyst

Carolyn Yaw
Discovery Preschool, assistant director and teacher

Licci Zemleduch
Business, instructor

Monday Sept. 10

New advisor orientation

Canaday Technology Center, CTC 129 | New advisors
9 a.m.–3 p.m. New advisor orientation

Contact: Herlinda Ruvalcaba, Academic Advisement, 527-2132

Tuesday Sept. 11

New faculty orientation

Havstad Alumni Center, Board Room (2nd floor) | New faculty
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. New faculty orientation
Lunch served at noon

Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431

Wednesday Sept. 12

Advisor luncheon

Alaska Room | All advisors
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Advisors luncheon
Lunch served at noon

Contact: Herlinda Ruvalcaba, Academic Advisement, 527-2132

Chairs and deans information session

Chan Shun Pavilion, CSP 154 | Chairs and deans
3–5 p.m. Chairs and deans information session

Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431

Chairs and deans family picnic

Fort Walla Walla Park Rotary Picnic Shelter | Chairs and deans, new faculty, administration, and their families
5:30 p.m. Catered picnic

Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431
**Thursday Sept. 13**

**Faculty and staff assembly**

*Village Hall | All faculty and staff*

- **8:30 a.m.** Welcome
- **9:15 a.m.** Break
- **10:30 a.m.–noon** Presentation: “Shifting Institutional Culture for Student Success” by Dr. Susan Shadle, guest speaker

**Contact: President’s Office, 527-2121 or 527 2066**

**Lunch**

*Kellogg Hall Cafeteria | All faculty and staff*

- **Noon** Lunch will be provided

**Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431**

**Faculty colloquium**

*Village Hall | All faculty*

- **1–5 p.m.** Workshop: “Engaging Students through Process-Oriented Guided-Inquiry Learning” with Dr. Susan Shadle, guest speaker

**Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431**

**Friday Sept. 14**

**Faculty colloquium**

*Kellogg Hall Cafeteria | All faculty and administrators—please plan to stay until noon.*

- **8–9:15 a.m.** Welcome/Breakfast
- **9:15–9:30 a.m.** Worship: Doug Logan
- **9:30–11 a.m.** “Standards-Based Grading” by the mathematics faculty
  “Writing Across the Curriculum” by Susan Gardner
  “Universal Design for Learning: Including Students with Disabilities in Higher Education” by Neria Sebastian
- **11 a.m.–noon** “The Center of Adventist Higher Education” by Volker Henning

**Contact: Volker Henning, Academic Administration, 527-2431**

**WE-HAUL**

*Foreman Hall/Sittner Hall | Also Sundays, Sept. 16, 9–11 a.m., and Sept. 23, 2–5 p.m.*

- **1–4 p.m.** WE-HAUL: Help new students move in to the women’s residence hall

**Contact: Renee Unterseher, Marketing and Enrollment Services, 527-2772**

**Sabbath Sept. 15**

**Celebrating Sabbath together**

*University Church | All are welcome*

- **9:30 a.m.** FirstServe: Darold Bigger and panel
- **10:30 a.m.** Sabbath School classes
- **10:30 a.m.** Collegiate Sabbath School: WWU Church pastors, hosted by the Chaplain’s Office
  *University Church Fellowship Hall | Collegiates and their families*
- **11:45 a.m.** Second Service: Darold Bigger and panel

**Contact: WWU Church, 527-2800**

**Prayer walk**

*Meet in front of Administration Building | All are invited*

- **3–4 p.m.** Prayer walk of dedication for 2018–2019 school year

**Contact: Chaplain’s Office, 527-2010**
**JumpStart**
University orientation for freshmen and new students. Many faculty and staff take part in JumpStart events in an effort to give our newest students a strong start. For a complete schedule, go to [wallawalla.edu/jumpstart](http://wallawalla.edu/jumpstart).

**Sunday, Sept. 16**
- 10–11:30 a.m. Limited offices open for registration activities
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. President’s Welcome
  - University Church | New students and their families
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. President’s Luncheon
  - WEC gymnasium | New students and their families
- 2–4 p.m. Limited offices open for registration activities

**Contact:** Renee Unterseher, Marketing and Enrollment Services, 527-2772

**Advising appointments**

**Monday, Sept. 17**
- 2–3:50 p.m. Advising appointments
  (Only for nursing and advisors with more than 15 advisees)

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**
- 11–11:50 a.m. Advising appointments (all faculty)
- 1–3:50 p.m. Advising appointments (all faculty)
- 4–4:50 p.m. Advising appointments (all faculty except engineering)

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**
- 10–11:50 a.m. Advising appointments (all faculty)
- 1–4:50 p.m. Advising appointments (all faculty)

**Thursday, Sept. 20**
- 4–4:50 p.m. Advising appointments*

**Friday, Sept. 21**
- 11–11:50 a.m. Advising appointments*
- 1–2:50 p.m. Advising appointments*

*Thursday and Friday appointments ONLY if you or your advisees have conflicts that prevent advisement earlier in the week.

**Contact:** Herlinda Ruvalcaba, Academic Advisement, 527-2132

**Vespers and bonfire**

**University Church** | All are welcome
- 8 p.m. Vespers with John McVay
- 9:30 p.m. ASWWU bonfire (Rogers Lot)

**Contact:** Chaplain’s Office, 527-2010

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**Registration**
Academic Advisement, Academic Records, Associate Academic vice president, Cashier, Disability Support Services, Information Technology, Marketing and Enrollment Services, Student Financial Services, and Student Life are all open and available.
- 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Registration

**Welcome Back Bash**
- WEC gymnasium | All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend
- 7–8:30 p.m. Welcome Back Bash

**Contact:** Student Life, 527-2511

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**Opening convocation**

**University Church** | All faculty and staff
- 11–11:50 a.m. Convocation
  - All faculty and staff march.
  - Platform participants in regalia.

**Contact:** President’s Office, 527-2121 or 527-2066

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**The Longest Table**

**University Church** | All are invited
- 1:30 p.m. The Longest Table—host a table and bring a meal to share with students

**Contact:** WWU Church, 527-2800
Walla Walla University
Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education

Core Themes
We are a community of faith and discovery committed to:
• Excellence in thought.
• Generosity in service.
• Beauty in expression.
• Faith in God.

Philosophy
Walla Walla University is founded on Christian teachings and values as understood and appreciated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Central to these teachings is the belief that every person is created in the image of God as a being of inestimable value and worth, imbued with powers of intelligence, stewardship, and creativity akin to those of the Creator. Walla Walla University, therefore, seeks in its mission to foster the unique gifts of every individual within this Christian community of faith and discovery. Committed to excellence in thought, the university seeks to impart a broad knowledge of the arts, sciences, and professions by careful instruction and open inquiry at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Recognizing that God is the source of all truth, goodness, and beauty, the university seeks to convey to students a wisdom that translates academic achievement into responsible citizenship, generous service, a deep respect for the beauty in God’s creation, and the promise of re-creation through Jesus Christ.

OUR 2013–2023 VISION: A DECADE OF SABBATH JUBILEE
Walla Walla University, in service of its mission and core themes, will pursue a Decade of Sabbath Jubilee—celebrating and sharpening the best of who we are and what God has called us to be: a university offering unparalleled higher education in the context of wholistic, Christian community.

OUR THEME: SABBATH JUBILEE
The seventh-day Sabbath, with its call to weekly rest and the rhythms of grace, is rooted in the creation story (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11). In Old Testament times, the year of Jubilee was celebrated as a year of rest and release (Leviticus 25:1-17). Jesus powerfully joins Sabbath and Jubilee in a synagogue reading, announcing the arrival of “the year of the Lord’s favor” with good news offered to the poor, liberty to captives and the oppressed, and sight to the blind (Luke 4:16-21).

Together, the board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students will tune our ears to hear this announcement of Sabbath Jubilee by Jesus, exploring and actualizing its meanings for Walla Walla University. Sabbath Jubilee will inform everything we do as we seek the margin, balance, and rest it harbors.

Our attention to this theme will be evidenced in five bold commitments:

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT ONE: ECONOMIC JUBILEE
Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of economic Sabbath Jubilee—a fresh, resource reality marked by the absence of financial debt, the presence of fiscal margin, and the generous investment of funds toward academic innovation and campus life excellence. This economic jubilee will consist of three major objectives:

PRIORITY ONE: Reinvestment. Walla Walla University will adopt a keystone habit of annually redeploying the equivalent of 1% of gross tuition income during the 10-year period of economic jubilee. These resources will be reinvested to foster institutional sustainability and academic innovation.

PRIORITY TWO: Comprehensive Campaign. Walla Walla University will raise $30 million in a comprehensive campaign for the purpose of growing our endowment, renewing our physical campuses, and investing in academic innovation. This fundraising goal shall be realized by the completion of the 2019–2020 school year.
PRIORITY THREE: Enrollment management. Walla Walla University will determine an appropriate student population size and strategy. This proactive enrollment management will assist institutional economic predictability and year-to-year stability.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT TWO: EXCELLENCE IN THOUGHT

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of academic Sabbath Jubilee. Our motivation for all intellectual inquiry is original and unsurpassed in importance: the Creator made the whole of creation to be very good. Upon completion of His creation, God invited human beings to join him in an enduring admiration and celebration of His creative excellence: Sabbath Jubilee. In the next decade, in service of this commitment, we shall pursue the following four objectives. This means we will sharpen our identity as a university offering unparalleled higher education in the context of wholistic, Christian community.

PRIORITY ONE: Balance and wellness. We will ensure that the values of balance and wellness mark our academic life.

PRIORITY TWO: Student success. We will design and implement a more structured student success strategy that will feature an invigorated academic advising process and a personal success plan for each undergraduate student.

PRIORITY THREE: Faculty excellence. We will develop clear markers of excellence for faculty in teaching, advising, professionalism and scholarship within a framework of heightened accountability and increased remuneration.

PRIORITY FOUR: Innovative curricula. We will emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication as essential skills by integrating them across the curriculum and student life. Early in this decade, we will redesign all curricula to ensure: 1) Scope of requirements encourages student success; 2) Delivery meets sustainability goals; 3) Curricula are innovative and forward-looking.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT THREE: GENEROSITY IN SERVICE

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of humanitarian Sabbath Jubilee. This means all members of our academic community—the board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students—will participate in service to our world. Walla Walla University will work to intentionally prepare our students for a lifetime of dedicated service to God, the church, and the world. In the next decade, in service of this commitment, we shall pursue the following three objectives:

PRIORITY THREE: Low-debt and no-debt trajectories. Walla Walla University will develop and implement low-debt and no-debt trajectories to help students more easily live as postgraduates in productive service to God, church, and the world.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT FOUR: BEAUTY IN EXPRESSION

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of aesthetic Sabbath Jubilee. We will, over the next decade, commit ourselves to these three objectives, three expressions of beauty:

PRIORITY ONE: Campus beautification. Walla Walla University will beautify its physical campuses with the elimination of all deferred maintenance and the renovation and renewal of existing buildings.

PRIORITY TWO: Professionalism. Walla Walla University will develop a new professionalism program for all students, including academic and nonacademic experiences, wherein men and women are taught to live, act, and work—to express themselves, as leaders—with beauty, excellence, and grace.

PRIORITY THREE: Sharing the arts. Walla Walla University will infuse beauty into the Walla Walla Valley—deploying faculty, staff, and students in an effort to bring the arts to underserved communities, with particular attention to children who enjoy little or no access to music and visual art.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT FIVE: FAITH IN GOD

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of faith-focused Sabbath Jubilee, in the tradition of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity. To this end, we commit ourselves to the following three objectives:
PRIORITY ONE: Center for Sabbath Celebration. Walla Walla University will form a Center for Sabbath Celebration. This new entity will promote—within Adventism and beyond—the way Sabbath-keeping and a Sabbath lifestyle can bring glory to God, and health and beauty to human community.

PRIORITY TWO: Partnering with churches and schools. Walla Walla University will strengthen its service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the formation of fresh partnerships with local congregations and elementary and secondary schools of the North Pacific Union Conference. We will form teams of skilled students who will provide support to these church and school communities.

PRIORITY THREE: Religious instruction. Walla Walla University will consider carefully all major religious instruction on our campuses—theology courses, convocations, Sabbath Schools, church services, and other gatherings—to ensure each student has opportunity to consider Christian faith and practice in a thorough and systematic way and to reflect on philosophical, doctrinal, and behavioral questions relevant to the contemporary world.