



A Letter from Your University

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Greetings from your sunny Lake Campus!

Proving that the summer moves along quickly (much too quickly as I get older!), our fall quarter classes start exactly one month from today — Tuesday, September 8. So, if you've been holding off on getting registered, you'd best get on with it. You can even register for your classes online, so it couldn't be easier.

The start of this fall quarter will be even more exciting than usual, because we'll be in our sparkling new renovated and expanded facility! The classrooms are clean, airy, and bright, excellent settings for teaching and learning.

And we'll start the fall with new programs: the bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, the master's in public administration, and the enhanced Grand Lake Law Enforcement Academy. Under the leadership of Commander Kip Wright, the academy will provide certified training for future and current law enforcement officers, and those cadets (students) are eligible to earn college credit in our criminal justice program.

Plus, the folks in Emergency Medicine at WSU Dayton want to partner with the Academy to bring paramedic and EMT training to the Lake Campus. I know that this is something this area has wanted for a long time, so we're going to do it. You'll hear more about this in the near future.

HAPPENINGS AT THE LAKE

Orientation: To get our new students — and their parents — ready to start their new lives as college students, we will hold several Orientation sessions just before the start of fall classes.

This year we are offering 4 sessions:

- Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 2, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 3, 6:00 p.m.

At those orientation sessions, new students will learn more about the Lake Campus, have a chance to ask any last minute questions, and see where they'll need to be for their classes on September 8.

If you are a new student planning to start this fall and have not yet registered for one of our orientation sessions, please call 419-586-0300. Do it right away to get the session that is best for you — seats are filling fast!

Campus Bookstore: Our bookstore has moved back into its newly-renovated space, and it looks fantastic! Pat Howard and Katie Dabbelt are ecstatic with both the appearance and increased space. There is new carpet, windows, paint, and furniture throughout, and we'll have many more items for sale this year.

Fighting Costs: To help students deal with the costs of their education, a number of us are having students "rent" their textbooks for fall quarter, instead of buying them. This will save the students a ton of money. For example, in my HST 211 course, buying the textbook runs about \$130; we'll rent it for less than one-fourth that amount. One of the biggest costs college students face these days is textbook charges, so we at your Lake Campus are undertaking ways to make books more affordable.



We're nearing the end of construction, the Bookstore looks great, and I'm getting pumped about orientation, because I get to tell parents my favorite jokes (and they always say I should not quit my day job).

And my cats are getting cuter by the day (don't you agree?) — it's great at the Lake!

