Have you ever had the urge to return to Western Kentucky University? Not just the quick drive through campus, but have you wanted to return to your old dormitory, walk WKU’s Hill, take a class or two and live like a college student again?

Here’s your chance.

What is Alumni College?
Alumni College is a lifelong learning program for alumni and friends of WKU. The program gives participants the opportunity to stay on campus while taking fun, educational classes. This year’s Alumni College will feature “All Star” sessions, highlighting several favorite classes since the program began in 2003, plus many new and exciting sessions for 2014.

Who is invited?
All alumni, friends, and family of WKU are invited to Alumni College. This program gives alumni a great opportunity to reunite with college friends. Call them and plan your Alumni College adventure together!

Cost:
$225 PER PERSON
(Plus additional class fees)

$225 cost includes:
✓ Three nights lodging in a WKU residence hall (with private bath)
✓ All meals beginning Thursday evening through Sunday morning
✓ Bed and bath linens (two flat sheets, blanket, towels, and washcloths)
✓ Transportation to all off-campus excursions
✓ Registration packet, supplies, and participant gift

What you should bring:
Remember your dorm room during college…
You will be excited to know they’ve come a long way since your day on the Hill. However some things never change. Please remember to pack the following:
✓ Soap
✓ Shampoo
Program Itinerary:

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Residence Hall Check In
Arrival to the residence hall begins at 2:00 p.m. Take this time to arrange your room and familiarize yourself with Southwest Hall.

4:00 p.m.
The Amazing Big Red Race ★ All-Star ’08
In the end, only one team will be left standing. To win, they will travel the Hill using clues, patience, a modicum of cracker crumbs, their minds, and the greatest strength of all: the Hilltopper Spirit. Through the journey, alliances will be formed, friendships will be broken (not really), and partnerships will be strengthened. Their prize? One million dollars. A picture (and a hug) with Big Red and Wally, the new white squirrel mascot of the Student Alumni Association. The official kick off to Alumni College 2014 will be “a race like no other in history.”

5:30 p.m.
The New Kids on the Block Tour
What a year! Since the Augenstein Alumni Center opened its doors on April 12, 2013, more than 50,000 alumni and friends have celebrated our new campus home. Now that our feet are firmly planted, let us properly show you our pride and joy, plus give you a hard hat tour of the exciting new additions under construction on the AAC block. Great things are happening at WKU, and we are proud to give you a glimpse into the future! Following the tour, dinner will be served in the Lee Robertson Ballroom.

7:00 p.m.
Celebrity, The Game (WKU Style) ★ All-Star ’11
This twisted game of charades pulls us all out of our comfort zone. A quick review of pop culture and your old WKU Talismans might help you lead your team to Celebrity victory!
7:30 a.m.

**Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow**

Western Kentucky University prepares students to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen leaders of a global society in a campus community conducive to a positive learning environment. Following breakfast, Dr. Joelle Davis Carter, Assistant Vice President for Retention and Student Services, will discuss WKU’s student body and the measures in place to ensure success for our future alumni base.

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Choose One)

**The Secret History of Country Music**

Of all American musical genres, country music seems to be most deeply connected to a rural American past and a sense of authenticity. However, did you know that Bluegrass music is no older than Rock ’n Roll, or that from its beginnings in the 1920s country music was primarily a product of an urbanizing and technologically modernizing America? Did you ever wonder why musicians from Alabama and Ohio in the 1950s dressed like frontier cowboys from the 1880s? Dr. Clay Motley, Associate Director of the Honors College at WKU, will discuss the fascinating and surprising history of country music to help us better understand its roots and current relevance.

**I Thought Engineers Drove Trains? ★ All-Star ’06**

$25 additional class fee

Beginning with their first day of classes as freshman, Mechanical Engineering students are exposed to a wide range of projects before they graduate. In 2006, Professors Joel Lenoir and Kevin Schmaltz introduced Alumni College students to one of those projects: a functioning steam engine. As a part of our All-Stars track, participants will once again assemble and take home their own functioning steam engine (no machining required), newly designed for this year’s program! In the actual WKU course, students learn the design-build-test process as they machine a “Wobbler” oscillating steam engine.

**Picture Perfect**

$5 additional class fee

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then we need a special WKU picture frame to protect it! Betty Keown, our scrapbooking instructor from 2005, is back to introduce her new crafty talent…tile framing. You will create your own WKU themed tile frame to add to your WKU collection. Be ready to pose, because your frame won’t be complete without an Alumni College keepsake photo.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Free Time – Shopping Time**

The WKU Store is open for business. The new location in the Downing Student Union opened its doors in September 2013.
12:00 p.m.

**To Grill or to Barbecue? ⭐All-Star ‘03**

Dr. Rich Patterson, Associate Professor of Hospitality Management, has been on more Alumni College agendas than any other instructor, beginning with the inaugural Alumni College in 2003. With his grilling skills, our stomachs simply can’t get enough! A discussion and demonstration will cover the fundamentals of barbecuing a variety of meats such as brisket, pork butt, ribs, chicken, and sausage, plus the basics of fire management, fuels, BBQ rubs, and BBQ sauces. Dr. Patterson will teach. You will eat!

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2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Choose One)

**The Ground Beneath**

Beneath the surface of south-central Kentucky lies a world that is virtually unparalleled. It is a tangled web characterized by mile upon mile of dark, seemingly endless passageways. Mammoth Cave National Park lies 30 miles northeast of Bowling Green, but the cave system below covers more than 400 square miles. In a karst region, sinkholes are common, but the collapse of a sinkhole inside a prominent landmark like the National Corvette Museum draws national attention. WKU’s Geology graduate studies will discuss the geological formation of a sinkhole and why they frequent our region.

**Food Safety at Home**

“It was probably something you ate.” We’ve all said it…and felt it. Illness from foodborne pathogens is common, striking millions and even killing thousands annually. Following “To Grill or to Barbecue,” Jane Simmons, Hospitality Management instructor, will provide tips on shopping, storing, preparing, and serving food safely from our own kitchens. What you don’t know really can hurt you!

**The Brohm Era**

A native Kentuckian and one of the state’s most notable football products, Jeff Brohm was introduced as the 19th head coach of the Hilltopper Football program in January 2014. Alumni College will meet the Coach, tour the football facilities, and even try our luck at kicking a field goal on Feix Field. With an impressive recruiting class and a move to Conference USA, WKU is excited to enter the Brohm Era of Hilltopper Football!

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6:00 p.m.

**My Alma Martyr**

Tonight, the WKU Class of 1984 celebrates their 30th class reunion. The reunion is marred by tragedy, when a classmate’s invitation is returned marked “dead” with a death certificate enclosed. Fellow classmates also receive his death certificate in the mail, asking them to attend the reunion, as many of them were named in his will. In honor of Friday the 13th, Alumni College will enjoy a murder mystery dinner, where your Alumni Association staff and various Alumni College attendees will turn into Broadway actors. No one, however, knows the killer. Your mission is to solve the murder. Be warned and BEWARE. Attend the reunion if you dare!
9:00 p.m.

**Michael Myers did not attend WKU – Part II. **🌟 All-Star ’10

Following Alma Martyr, we’ll scare the pants off of you with a viewing of John Carpenter’s *Halloween II*. Alumni College viewed the original masterpiece in 2010. In the sequel, Carpenter makes more mentions of his childhood home. There’s nothing like walking back to your dorm after watching a horror movie, particularly one that talks about Smith’s Grove, Chestnut Street, and the By-pass. But we won’t play tricks on you. Or will we???? (Insert scary movie voice here.)

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014**

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast is Served.**

Breakfast will be available in the residence hall lobby. Enjoy at your leisure.

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (choose one)

**Expand Your Universe at the Hardin Planetarium**

*Additional class fee*

Questioning our place in the universe is one of the things that distinguishes us as human beings. Join the staff at Hardin Planetarium for an introduction to the summer evening sky. After getting lost in space, plan to tap your toes and sing along to a rollicking exploration of all the ways in which we can’t stand still even when we try. Prepare to be left in awe of the grand sizes and scales within our solar system, which is only one of hundreds of billions of star systems in our galaxy.

**Sport Fandom: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

Sport fandom is of increasing importance to people in today’s society. Psychology Professor, Dr. Frederick Grieve, will broadly cover three areas of research in sport fandom. The first area involves why people are sport fans. What drives the fandom? How do people become sport fans? The second area involves the benefits of sport fandom. While closely tied to the first area, this area also answers the question of what people get out of being a sport fan. The last area that will be covered is dysfunctional identification. There are some people who identify with sport teams to allow them to be confrontational. Information about what we know about this type of attachment will be discussed. GO TOPPERS!

11:30 a.m.

**Fresh Food Company**

The days of poor eating “like a college student” are long gone. WKU offers a wide variety of dining options, from popular name brands, to made-to-order foods, campus convenience stores, and the all-you-can-eat Fresh Food Company. In typical Alumni College fashion, we’ll choose the all-you-can-eat option!
Field Trip Options
1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (choose one)

The Center for Courageous Kids ★All-Star ‘08
The Center for Courageous Kids is a $20 million, state-of-the-art medical camping facility where children battling serious illnesses can attend free of charge. Located on 168 acres in the rolling hills of Scottsville, Kentucky, CCK has served more than 15,500 children from 39 states and five foreign countries. The CCK campers leave with memories of their first horseback ride, favorite campfire song, catching the BIG fish, or taking center stage in their own show. Alumni College visited the Center in its first year of operation. Stormi Murtie, Communications Director for CCK, will update you on the successes and challenges of the Center and show you why “when you make a difference in a child’s life, you make a difference in your own.”

The National Corvette Museum ★All-Star ‘10
$5 additional class fee
Since 1953, the Corvette has been America’s Sports Car. Corvette enthusiasts from all over the world kindly refer to the Corvette Museum as their home…Their Mecca. On February 12, the Museum’s security company was alerted at 5:44 a.m. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a 40-foot sinkhole had collapsed in the iconic Sky Dome, swallowing eight Corvettes during the fall. The Corvette Museum is no stranger to Alumni College; however, this tour will not only spotlight the Corvette, it will also discuss how a near disastrous situation can have a silver lining.

On Campus Options
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Housing Hilltoppers
Since Southern Normal School days, housing students has been a monumental administrative task for school officials. An Alumni College favorite who is also the Library Special Collections Professor, Jonathan Jeffrey, will take a deep look at early methods, including boarding houses, the use of tents during summer institutes, Cherryton, and Veteran’s Village. We’ll also talk about the first dorms and early amenities, then move on to the massive building program of the 1960s and 1970s. Then, we’ll look at modernizations undertaken by the Student Life Foundation. Finally we’ll introduce the newest student housing, the WKU Apartments.

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Mesh Wreath 101
$10 additional class fee
They’re the hottest trend going! And it’s no wonder, because they’re so quick and easy. We’ve brought out the professional decorators, Alumni Association’s own Tori Henninger and Kara Neidell, to work their magic on your own mesh wreath. They’ll teach, but your creativity will make it unique!
6:00 p.m.

**It’s All About the Spirit ★ All-Star ‘08**

The tradition of reliving the WKU Spirit will continue for this year’s Alumni College as we spend our last evening together cherishing the one thing we have in common – The WKU Spirit. We’ll dine outside the Augenstein Alumni Center, and enjoy student performances that will make you proud to call yourself a Hilltopper.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND CHECK-OUT**

Breakfast will be served until 8:30 a.m. The residence hall check out is 11:00 a.m.