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8th Annual Alumni College

June 3-6, 2010

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The Spirit Makes The Master

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 - live like a college student again?

Here's your chance.

What is Alumni College?

The 8th annual 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 program includes two full days of classes and activities on campus and in the Bowling Green community. Alumni College students will enjoy the great traditions of the past, plus the recent changes that continue to make WKU's campus one of the most beautiful colleges in the country.

Who is invited?

All alumni, friends, and family of WKU are invited to join in the fun of Alumni College. Haven't seen your college friends in several years? Call them up and plan your Alumni College adventure together!

Want to know more...

Cost: \$200 per person

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 (sheets, blanket, towels, and washcloths)
- Transportation to all off campus excursions
- Tickets to all off campus excursions

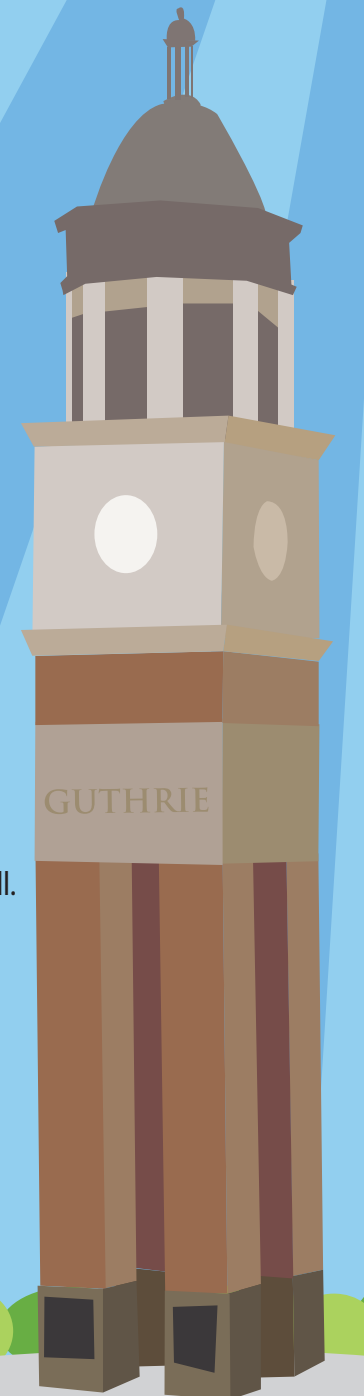
What you should bring:

Remember what your dorm room was like 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
- Pillow
- Hairdryer
- Alarm clock
- Early morning coffee pot (if you need one before 7:00 a.m.)





THURSDAY JUNE 3, 2010

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Check In

4:15 p.m. Campus Tour: A New and Improved WKU

This isn't just any old campus tour. Go behind the scenes and tour the newly renovated Van Meter Hall and College High Hall, as well as the new Chandler Memorial Chapel and the Orbeson Baseball Clubhouse. Transportation will be provided to each location.

6:00 p.m. This is Jeopardy!

Dinner will be first on the agenda, followed by our own version of the long running game show, "Jeopardy" but we'll play WKU style! Dig out the old Talismans or search the internet, but come prepared to give the questions to answers President Ransdell might be forced to research.

8:30 p.m. Michael Myers did not attend WKU

And that's the thought you need to remember on your journey back to your dorm room after viewing this horror masterpiece! By watching Bowling Green native John Carpenter's *Halloween*, you will be prepared for the "Reel Sites, Real Scary: A John Carpenter Tour" on Friday. We'll provide the popcorn. You bring a big glass of courage!



FRIDAY JUNE 4, 2010

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. A Place to Call Home

No question WKU is growing by leaps and bounds. As our student population increases each year, so does our alumni base. Today, more than 90,000 individuals call WKU their alma mater. Donald Smith, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, will share the vision of the future WKU Alumni Center.

"I loved those days as a student at WKU but I did not fully appreciate the role WKU played in my life until I came back to the campus as a 'student' in Alumni College. Alumni College gave me the opportunity to do it all over again."

- Brenda Bush '75
Glasgow, KY

9:15 – 11:15 a.m. (Choose One)

Splendor in the Grass – Part I

With a little instruction, you can turn broken pieces of glass into a garden masterpiece. Lynn Minton, Marketing Manager for the Gordon Ford College of Business, will bring her after hour skills to Alumni College and help you create a beautiful stained glass mosaic stepping stone for your garden. The only skill you need is the desire to be creative! This class will continue on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Seriously?? Pop Culture Studies? Yeah, Seriously!

This year WKU launched a new Popular Culture Studies major and a new course, Pop 101, led by faculty from separate departments. Come hear from Dr. Tony Harkins of History and Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo of Philosophy who co-taught the class about why you should care about Popular Culture and how it shapes not only the new "generation" but your own lives as well (whether you want it to or not!) We will consider ways to "read" ads and cartoons, discuss the significance of different cultural "brow-levels", and debate the social and moral implications of living in an ever-more consumerist society.

True or False – Engineers are the same as Artists.

That's a crazy assumption. Engineers build rockets. Artists draw pictures. Truth be known, these two professions share a lot in common, and today you'll become a master of both – all in a two hour course! Julie Ellis, WKU's Engineering Department Head, will introduce you to the art of engineering, where you will play an important role in the creation of one awesome outcome!

11:45 – 1:15 p.m.

Hilltopper Football: Championship Effort

WKU Football is undergoing changes. In November 2009, former standout quarterback Willie Taggart was named the new Head Football Coach of the WKU Hilltoppers. Only three months later, with fresh faces and a renewed energy, Rivals.com named WKU the #1 recruiting class in the Sun Belt Conference. Enjoy lunch in the Hall of Champions while you hear from members of the WKU Football Program. Following lunch, tour the Home of the Hilltoppers, Houchens L.T. Smith Stadium.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Choose One)

Reel Sites, Real Scary

Thankfully, John Carpenter's movies are fictional, but the locations in many of his movies are not. Tour Bowling Green in daylight hours, thank goodness, with Marissa Butler, Public Relations Director of the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Enjoy the local places and streets that pop up in some of Carpenter's classic horror films like *Halloween* and *The Fog*. Also, see some real life sites associated with the filmmaker from when he lived in Bowling Green during his childhood.

Game Day and God: Football, Faith and Politics in the American South

Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo, Philosophy and Religion Department Head, takes seriously the often-stated assertion that college football in the South is a religion. He relies upon field research on several campuses in the Southeastern Conference where he interviewed fans and experienced "game day." Consequently, he is able to make the case that college football does function religiously for many people in the South. In addition, he introduces key concepts and theories of religion and culture to a general audience. In his book, *Game Day and God: Football, Faith and Politics in the American South*, Dr. Bain-Selbo recounts the role that college football has played in Southern history and culture. Going back as far as the Civil War, the work explains the cultural meaning of college football in the South, delivering a much-needed critical perspective to the subject. In this class, Dr. Bain-Selbo will provide a multimedia presentation on the book and its findings. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Charitable Estate Planning

Planning your estate can be complicated and seem a bit daunting, yet the results can also be far reaching. After all, the decisions you make will continue to affect your family or loved ones beyond your lifetime. Diana Kinslow, WKU's Assistant Director of Planned Giving, and Alex Downing, President of the College Heights Foundation will explain how your philanthropic goals can be met in ways that may be beneficial to you and your family.

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

America's Sports Car

Corvette enthusiasts from all over the world kindly and lovingly refer to Bowling Green's National Corvette Museum as their home ... their Mecca. Leisurely tour the museum followed by dinner in the Nostalgia room, where Vettes from the 1950s to today are displayed. And... Arrangements can be made if you choose to forgo our bus transportation in replace of your own shiny Hilltopper red Corvette!

SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2010

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Is Served.

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

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Choose One)

Splendor in the Grass – Part II

Your garden masterpiece may need some finishing touches; therefore, Lynn Minton is back for Day II to assist you in your creation.

Thrill on the Hill

Back by popular demand from 2009, but in a slightly different version is Dolly Parton turned Michael Jackson! Bring your own white socks and signature white glove, and be prepared to learn dance moves that are sure to impress all your friends. The only skill needed is the courage to perform in front of an audience! The King of Pop will live on during Alumni College 2010! "Cause this is THRILLER..."

SPOOKY!

We've all heard the stories. There's the tale of the construction worker who fell to his death by crashing through the skylight in the lobby of Van Meter Hall or the story of "Casperella," the woman who hung herself in the basement of Potter Hall. These make for great storytelling, but that's about as far as our mind takes them. Meet SPOOKY (Students Paranormal Organization of Kentucky), a campus organization that actually does professional ghost investigations on campus and in the community. An investigation has already taken place in the Kentucky Museum. Hear the results from organization members and do some ghost investigating of your own. Now, that's just SPOOKY!



11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m

Colonel Terry Wilcutt: A Hilltopper in Space

Originally from Russellville, Kentucky, Wilcutt '74 is the first Kentucky native among NASA's astronauts. A veteran of four space flights, Wilcutt has logged over 1,000 hours in space. He piloted the September 30, 1994 Space Shuttle Endeavour mission, the September 16, 1996 Atlantis mission and commanded the January 22, 1998, Space Shuttle Atlantis mission and the September 08, 2000 Atlantis mission to the International Space Station. The retired Marine Corps Colonel now serves as director of Safety & Mission Assurance at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. A proud WKU alumnus, Wilcutt returns to campus to share his 20 years of experience as a NASA astronaut and to discuss the future of the U.S. Space Program.

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. (Choose One)

What's Going to Work... TEAMWORK!

Do you communicate well? Do you trust your friends? Do you work well in a team? Can you conquer "The Spider Web?" This afternoon will test your personal skills as we venture to the WKU Farm for the Low Elements Course. Through challenging elements and thought provoking processing, participants can see the benefits of the completion of the challenge at hand. The Low Elements Course is experiential education at its finest and gives participants a chance at class in the outdoors with a natural setting. This activity is not strenuous, but some walking and lifting may be involved.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

"Star in Each Flag: Conflict in Kentucky."

Most people aren't aware of the significance Kentucky and Bowling Green played during the great Civil War. The railroad in Bowling Green connected Louisville, Nashville & Memphis and thus the upper Ohio and lower Mississippi. Consequently, Bowling Green was occupied by both the Confederate and the Union during the four year battle. Tour the Kentucky Museum exhibit, "Star in Each Flag: Conflict in Kentucky" and visit with Nancy Baird, Library Special Collections Professor, who will share a fascinating diary kept by a 20 year old girl living in Bowling Green during the Civil War.

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Give Me a Break!

Some alone time may be on your agenda this afternoon. Seize the opportunity.



"Alumni College is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to return to campus for a long weekend of activities, games, classes (no tests!), and the chance to relive old memories while making and renewing friendships. If you haven't been back to campus lately, or if you need a good dose of the WKU Spirit, Alumni College is the perfect opportunity."

- Paul Calico '76
Cincinnati, Ohio

6:00 p.m.

It's All About the Spirit!

Alumni College will spend the final evening cherishing the one thing we have in common – The WKU Spirit. We'll dine atop College Heights Hill and enjoy a special performance by singer, songwriter, and proud WKU alumnus Heath Eric.



SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2010

7:30 – 11:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & CHECK-OUT



To confirm your attendance, register online at alumni.wku.edu/alumnicollege or complete the enclosed card and return to:

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