

***2011 New Student Orientation Programs:
Specifically for Parents....***

Sunday, August 21, 2011:

11:15 – 12:00: Student Life and Student Involvement at WPI – *Olin Hall 107*

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in life outside of the classroom at WPI, and many programs and services that assist and support students in student life at WPI. Information on Student Activities, Healthy Alternatives, Diversity Programs and Women's Programs will be presented. A representative from the campus bookstore (Barnes & Noble) will provide information on bookstore services. Parents are invited to pose questions regarding student life at WPI.

1:00 – 1:45: Academic Program Overview at WPI – *Olin Hall 107*

This informal session includes information on WPI's academic programs, the Interactive Qualifying Project, the Major Qualifying Project, and project opportunities abroad. Questions are welcome.

2:00 – 3:00: Living in a Caring Community – *Olin Hall 107*

According to the famous psychologist Abraham Maslow, the fundamental human needs of food, shelter and safety must be met before we can continue to meet the higher level needs that contribute to our growth and development. At WPI, we provide much more than the "basics" to ensure that we create an environment of support, which allows students to learn, grow and thrive in a caring living and learning community. Representatives from Residential Services, Health Services, the Dean of Students Office, and Campus Police will briefly speak about programs and services designed to support your son or daughter at WPI. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.

2:00 – 3:00: Transitions and Developmental Issues – *Campus Center Odeum C*

This interactive session will allow parents to explore some of the issues facing college students as they begin their early adult stage of development and strive to become more independent and autonomous. This is an opportunity to hear from parents who have experienced sending a son or daughter off to college. The advice of other parents may be helpful to parents sending a student to college for the first time! Making adjustments in "parenting" may help your son or daughter in their personal growth, as your son or daughter begins to become more independent as a college student.

3:15 – 4:15: President's Welcome for New Students and Parents – *Harrington Auditorium*

4:15 – 6:00: President's Welcome BBQ for New Students and Parents – *Campus Center Patio & Higgins House Lawn*