Happy Summer! Even though there are hardly any students on campus right now, Wheelock is bustling with crazy squirrels, conferences, and catching our breath from a busy June. Speaking of which, it was a pleasure meeting you and your student at the FYI Sessions last month. We appreciated your candid conversations and were impressed with your questions. FYI was truly a success because of your active participation! And we were extremely grateful that you signed up for this newsletter.

Without further ado, we are proud to introduce the next issue of **LUCY'S LEDGER** (named for our founder, Lucy Wheelock), a monthly newsletter for Wheelock parents and families! Each month this newsletter will provide you with highlights of student programs, updates of important events and initiatives, links to relevant articles, and ways to become involved in life at Wheelock College. This month's issue is specifically tailored to the parents and families of incoming students and we hope that it helps prepare you and your student for their transition to Wheelock in September.

We value your feedback and want this newsletter to be as accessible as possible. We also want to encourage open dialogue with you and work as partners toward your student's success. If there are any topics you would like to see in future issues of this newsletter or if you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to send in suggestions or inquiries to family@wheelock.edu.

Sincerely,

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**July checklist!**

1. Remember that Fall semester tuition is due Wednesday, August 1. Contact Student Accounts at 617-879-2121 with any questions. (See below for more details)

2. Does your student have any medications that need to be transferred to a local pharmacy? The closest CVS is at 350 Longwood Ave., and the closest Walgreens is at 429 Brookline Ave.; both are an easy 5-minute walk from Wheelock.

3. Is your student planning to live on-campus? They should watch their e-mail for communication from Residence Life, and plan to contact their roommate to become acquainted and discuss plans for furnishing anything additional for the room. (See below for more details)

4. Is your student planning to commute? They should consider purchasing a discounted T-pass through the Student Life office. The deadline to apply for a semester pass is August 4.

5. Some instructors have already listed their required books on Wheelock's [online bookstore](http://e2.ma/message/ekhnl/2e1xm9c). Check it out and make a plan for buying books in time for Fall semester classes to begin on September 5.

6. Health forms were due July 6. Students who have not done so already should mail or fax them in (617-879-2277) as soon as possible. **Matriculation at Wheelock is dependent upon the submission of a completed Entrance Health Certificate to**
Three cheers for a fabulous First-Year Introduction!

Wheelock welcomed a total of nearly 200 students and 300 parents and family members to our annual First-Year Introduction (also known as “FYI”) on June 16-17 and again on June 19-20. At this year’s FYI, 18 student Orientation Leaders - supervised capably by the Student Leadership Orientation Committee (SLOC) and Eric Maitland, Coordinator of Student Leadership and Campus Programs - were paired with a small group of incoming students to shepherd them through activities and provide peer mentorship. Academic activities planned for the students included course selection, field placement selection, completion of placement exams, and distribution of our summer reading: Picking Cotton.

Social activities include the nationally-touring outdoor series of icebreakers known as “Playfair,” a version of the game-show “Finish the Lyrics” led by SLOC members, and an ice-cream social at night.

This year’s FYI also charted new territory in helping parents and family members adjust to their child entering college. From 10:30am-5:30pm on the first day of each session, Wheelock staff and faculty presented important information to parents in a variety of formats, including three 45-minute “breakout sessions” in the afternoon that gave families multiple options for their own learning. Examples of breakout session workshops included: “First Year Academic Program,” led by faculty representatives from First Year Seminar, Human Growth & Development, and English; “Inspire A World Of Good: Service Learning & International Opportunities” led by faculty and staff associated with study abroad and service learning experiences; and “Real World Boston: Field Experience Options” led by staff and students from the Field Experience and Jumpstart offices.

If you were unable to attend this year’s FYI, you can now download many of the handouts and PowerPoint slides shared with both students and parents. Visit our FYI webpage for more.

We want to thank all the parents and family members who completed evaluation forms after each breakout session and our overall program evaluation at the end of the day. Your thoughts and feedback will go a long way toward improving next year’s FYI. If you have ideas for specific sessions we should offer (or repeat) next year, please let us know. Likewise, if you have any interest in serving on a panel of parents, reflecting about your student’s first year and offering advice, we would love to have you participate next June. Just e-mail us at family@wheelock.edu.
Tuition bills are available online

Parents of Wheelock students can login to view and pay tuition bills through an online secured link. In order to have access to your student’s account you will first need them to set you up as an authorized payer. This feature will allow you to view recent bills, make online payments, and print the 1098-T form for 2012 tax purposes. You will also be able to make payments via MasterCard, Visa, Discover or by electronic check. Here are the steps your student must follow to allow you access:

- First have the student log in to the student portal/MyWheelock from the Quick Links menu on the Wheelock homepage.
- Next click on the “Finances” tab.
- Then click on “Go to Online Billing and Payment.”
- Next under Authorized Payer PINs, click “add new.”
- On the next page, the student will need to create a user name (Authorized Payer PIN) for you. Note: The user name must be either alpha or alphanumeric.
- Next have them enter the parent’s email address in which they would like to give access.
- Next the student can set parent access permissions.
- When they are finished, an email will be sent to the parent with a user name, a temporary password, and the link to the billing and payment website.

Note: You can assure your student that this will not give you access to their grades or any other sensitive material.

With questions, contact Mike Discolo in Student Accounts at 617-879-2236 or mdiscolo@wheelock.edu

It’s almost time for room assignments!

By August 15, the Office of Residence Life will send an email to all new students that will provide them with their room assignment and roommate contact information. Please remind your student to check their Wheelock email account over the next few weeks to receive this important housing information.

Remember that
your student MUST
be financially cleared
before they can
receive their room key
and check into their room
on Move-In Day.

Is your daughter or son interested in playing a FALL SPORT?

Wheelock College is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and our teams compete in the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC). Undergraduate students who meet NCAA eligibility requirements and are in good academic standing, as defined in the Handbook, Section V (Academic Policies), may compete in any of our eleven intercollegiate sports for women and men. The Wheelock College Athletic Department is committed to sportsmanship and integrity in all areas of college life. There are openings in the following sports:

- Men’s and Women’s Soccer
- Men’s and Women’s Cross Country
- Women’s Field Hockey

If your student is interested in joining any of these teams, please have him or her contact: athletics@wheelock.edu

All interested students must complete participation forms before they arrive on campus for their initial practice: http://www.wheelockwildcats.com/information/athletictraining/forms/index
Early arrival information:

- Pre-season for Men’s Soccer, Cross Country and Women's Field Hockey begins: **August 19**. Move-in is 9:00am-11:00am.
- Pre-season for Women’s Soccer begins: **August 21**. Move-in is 9:00am-11:00am.

**Academic tips for student success**

The academic advising office at Wheelock is excited to welcome your student to Wheelock in September. Our role is to empower, guide, and support students in reaching their academic, personal, and professional goals. We understand that the transition to college can be an overwhelming process for students and families and want to offer you some strategies. We’ve compiled a short list of tips for preparing your family for college life:

1. Share your experiences and/or ideas about college with your student.
2. Talk about your student’s successes and challenges in high school. How can your student build upon their strengths and begin to address their challenges?
3. Discuss the importance of accessing resources—your student should contact their academic advisor with any questions or concerns.
4. Anticipate challenges that may come up in college and discuss how your student might approach working through them.
5. Review the following resources with your student (and bookmark the pages for future reference!)
   - [Academic Calendar](#)
   - [College Catalog](#)
   - [Student Handbook](#)
   - [First Year Academics](#)
   - [Parents and Families Webpage](#)
   - [Family and Educational Rights](#)
   - [Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)](#)

**Is your student in the Bridge Program?**

The Bridge Program officially starts on Sunday, August 19 at 4:00pm! At this time, we will discuss the program, its requirements, and all of the exciting classes, workshops, and weekend outings we have planned for your student. (Please note: we will be offering a separate Bridge Families Orientation also at 4pm on August 19.)

If your student is planning to register with the Office of Academic Assistance and Disability Services, now is the time to send in IEPs, 504s, or other documentation for accommodations this fall semester. Students can mail copies directly to Rachel Buday, Coordinator of Disability Services, Library 205, 200 The Riverway, Boston, MA 02215 or fax them to Rachel's attention at (617) 879-2163. Documentation must be received 4-6 weeks in advance for fall semester accommodations.

Finally, please make sure your student has finished Wheelock's summer book, *Picking Cotton*, by the time the Bridge Program begins.

If you have any questions about Bridge, please do not hesitate to contact Julia Mears, Assistant Director of Academic Assistance and Coordinator of the Bridge Program at jmears@wheelock.edu.
Preparing for Field Placement this Fall

Greetings from the Field Experience Office! We are busy working with our Human Growth and Development (HGD) sites to prepare them for the arrival of our students this fall. We are looking forward to seeing your student again in September at Orientation. At that time, we will be going over what your student can expect at his or her first field placement, giving directions to sites, and answering any questions. Until then, you can help ensure that your students are ready to begin placement by:

- Reminding them to check with us to make sure that their site paperwork is complete. Students were asked to complete paperwork at First Year Introduction (FYI) but many were missing key pieces of information such as social security numbers or IDs.
- Helping them plan for transportation to and from placement in their budgets.
- Making sure they keep a copy of the Wheelock College Entrance Health Certificate and immunization records. Some sites will ask for this form.
- Ensuring that they let us know if their class schedule or Jumpstart plans change as soon as possible. It is difficult to change sites because of the background check process and missing paperwork or late changes can delay a student’s ability to start at placement. Jumpstart applicants will be notified about acceptance by mail by August 17.
- Encouraging them to call 617.879.2165, email feo@wheelock.edu, or stop by (Activities West, first floor) the Field Experience Office with any questions or concerns!

**Important Dates**

- **Wednesday, August 1:** **Fall payment is due**
- **Sunday, August 19:** **Men’s Soccer & Cross Country, Women’s Field Hockey arrive**
- **Sunday, August 19:** **Bridge Program participants arrive**
- **Sunday, August 19 - Thursday, August 30:** **Bridge Program (summer portion)**
- **Tuesday, August 21:** **Women’s Soccer arrive**
- **Saturday, September 1:** **Move-in Day**
- **Saturday, September 1 - Tuesday, September 4:** **New Student Orientation**
- **Wednesday, September 5:** **First day of classes**
- **Tuesday, September 11:** **Convocation**
- **Wednesday, September 12:** **Last day to add undergraduate courses**
- **Wednesday, September 19:** **Last day to drop undergraduate courses**

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock’s [academic calendar](http://e2.ma/message/ekhnl/2e1xm9c).