

Panther Family News - January

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Spring Semester Begins Jan. 24

UWM is set to welcome students back to campus for the start of the spring semester, which begins Monday, Jan. 24. Students who live in the residence halls will move in as scheduled beginning Saturday, Jan. 22. Some courses may shift online for the week of Jan. 24 to provide time for students to secure vaccinations or booster shots, upgraded masks and COVID testing. [READ MORE](#)

Vaccination, Booster Clinics Continue On Campus

UWM is urging students, faculty and staff to get their booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Booster shots are a strong defense against severe illness, and are another tool for maintaining the health and safety of the campus community. [READ MORE](#)

Overcoming A Poor Start Academically

It's not uncommon for a student (or their parent) to be disappointed in their grades after the first semester or



Check Out The Panther Families Facebook Group

Are you looking to take your interaction with fellow families and the Panther Families program to another level? Then check out the

two of college. Some students even end up on Academic Probation – which can happen to a student if their GPA is under 2.0 after their first semester at UWM. College can be a huge adjustment academically for several reasons. [READ MORE](#)



Panther Families Facebook Group, where you can easily interact with other families and share questions, tips and tricks.

[Go To The Group](#)

Getting A 1098-T Form

It's tax season and getting a tuition statement and other financial documents is important before filing your taxes. The 2021 1098-T form includes the total dollar amount of qualified tuition less remission billed in a calendar year. It may help determine eligibility for certain education tax credits. [READ MORE](#)



Summer School Schedule Now Available

The [Summer 2022](#) class schedule is now live.

Summer school is a great way to get ahead in progress for a degree, catch up on a class or return to school. For additional dates and deadlines associated with Summer 2022, please see the [Registrar's Office calendar](#), and the [Registrar's Add/Drop calendar](#).

Additional Federal Emergency Aid Available In Spring Semester

Additional federal aid for students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) will be available during the Spring 2022 term. UWM has already disbursed close to \$30 million in HEERF money since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Based upon current legislation, the funds to be released during the spring 2022 term are likely to be the last. [READ MORE](#)

Overcoming The Winter Blues

Are the winter blues getting your student down? It just might be Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD is most common among people living far north or south of the equator, mainly due to the decreased sunlight during the fall and winter months and the accompanying longer periods of darkness. These seasonal changes cause our internal biological clock, or circadian rhythm, to be thrown out of step with our daily schedules. [READ MORE](#)



When Should A Student Pick A Major?

As the spring semester begins, many families ask if their undecided student should be picking a major. Others ask if it's OK if their student changes their major. These are common questions. Many students are undecided or change their major while at UWM. In fact over 20 percent of this year's first-year class was undecided. [READ MORE](#)

Sign Up For Winter Parking Alerts

Does your student live off campus and park on the street? Remind them to [sign up for winter parking alerts from the Milwaukee Police Department](#) so they're aware of snow emergencies and can avoid receiving

Student Leadership programs

Spring Leadership Programs Now Available

Student Leadership Programs invites your student to join with a community of fellow students and explore who they are, how they want to lead, and how they will create positive change in the community. A number of programs are available this spring. [READ MORE](#)



Great Discounts For Winter Weekends In Milwaukee

Celebrate winter by planning a visit to Milwaukee. Along with seeing your student, you can take advantage of ticket discounts, hotel specials and plenty of activities that keep Milwaukee vibrant even during the coldest months of the year. Discounts are now available for upcoming Panther basketball and Milwaukee Admirals games, as well as for select downtown hotels. [READ MORE](#)



tickets for not moving your vehicle. A winter parking snow emergency means all cars need to be moved to one side of the street, and failure to comply can result in hefty fines.

UWM Academic Programs Achieve High Rankings

Fourteen academic programs at UW-Milwaukee were recently ranked among the best in the country by Intelligent.com, a resource for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning, in its 2022 report. UWM's online history degree program was ranked No. 1, and its MBA in nonprofit management program was ranked No. 4.

UWM's master's in film program came in No. 6 in the rankings.

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UWM Libraries Open Physically, Virtually

The UWM Libraries are committed to being open both physically and virtually for spring semester.

The Golda Meir Library is planning to host therapy dogs during Winter Welcome and will be scheduling several fun pop-up events inside and outside the library during the spring.

Video: Student New Year's Resolutions

The UWM Panther Minute returns with a New Year's edition. Students reflect on the resolutions they made last year and their goals for 2022.



Get Your Panther Gear At ShopUWM.com!

Start your new year with great items from [ShopUWM.com](https://shopuwm.com)! From t-shirts and sweatshirts to drinkware and hats, there's something for everyone. Items make great surprise gifts for students and are a great way for you to show your own Panther Pride! [PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW](#)



Panther Gear Also Available On Amazon

UWM has partnered with Amazon to make Panther Gear more widely available across the country. Many products are available with free, fast shipping via Amazon Prime. [CHECK OUT THE UWM STOREFRONT](#)

Beginning To Think About Off-Campus Living

Many UWM students begin to think about living off-campus after a year in the residence halls. And while it may feel like getting ahead and securing a place to live for next school year can be a smart move,

Current open hours can be found on the [library website](#).

Dates To Remember

Academic Calendar

Academic Year Checklist

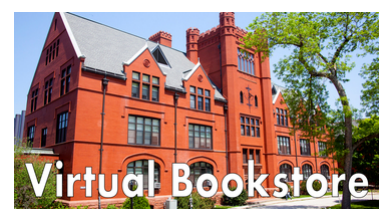
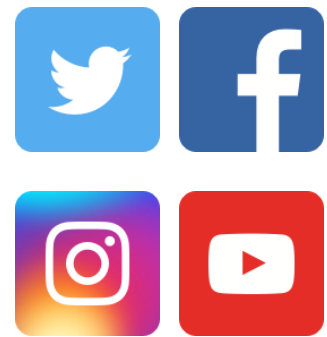
Jan. 24 - Spring 2022 semester begins

Jan. 28 - Undergraduate graduation application deadline

Feb. 11 - Engineering & Computer Science Industry Expo

Feb. 22 - Lubar School of Business Career Fair

Feb. 23 - 35th Annual Diversity Career Fair



it is often best to wait to sign a lease until 2-3 months before you plan to move in. UWM's Neighborhood Housing Office will offer a variety of programming over the next few months to help students consider a move off-campus. [READ MORE](#)



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