

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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While the Fall 2023 semester has not officially started, it is evident that summer is coming to an end. We hope you found some time this summer to relax and recharge and that you are ready for the year ahead. Whether returning or new to WCU, we are excited to have you here to kick-off the new academic year.

Pride of the Mountains Marching Band

The Pride of the Mountains leadership team and the School of Music are happy to welcome back to campus the 2023 cohort of the Baddest Band in the Land. Our summer band camp will start on August 7th and run through August 18th.

This year POTM presents *Feeling Lucky*, a journey through life in four movements: Feeling Good, Feeling Respected, Feeling Driven, and Feeling Lucky. Our eager young musicians,

previously served as head of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as the interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success. [Read more](#)

Kloo Hansen, who had been serving as the interim Director of the Office of Research Administration, assumed the position on a permanent basis in June. She is focusing on building capacity in preaward operations and postaward support, process improvement, PI training, and research compliance. I am grateful she has agreed to take on this role.

Finally, this fall Dr. John Hildret Kimmel Distinguished Professor of Construction Management – will begin duties as interim Associate Dean for Research. This new position is for campus forums last year identifying needs to strengthen preaward activities, postaward support, and faculty mentoring in sponsored research, work he has been doing this spring. One of his tasks this year is to co-

The applications for Intentional Learning funding have all been combined into a single Qualtrics form as of June 2022. To request Intentional Learning Funding [click here](#) (NOTE: Applications will no longer be accepted via email.) Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis in the Fall and Spring semesters. However, requests that are time sensitive should be submitted well in advance of required deadlines

To learn more about Intentional Learning, including program goals and outcomes, [click here](#) if you have any questions please contact Alei Coleman