# 2019-2020 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION COMMUTER INFORMATION

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#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**







# LOUNGES AND STUDY AREAS

Banacos Center	1 Tutor Room and 1 Computer Lab (P160)		
Bates Hall	2 Lounges		
Dower Center	2 Lounges		
Ely Campus Center	5 Lounges, 4 Computer Areas (Ely Garden Level, Main Lounge and E313)		
Library	Computers, Study Rooms and Easy Chairs		
Nettie Stevens	Lounges (1st. 2nd and 2rd Eleare)		
Science & Innovation Building	Lounges (1 <sup>st,</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors)		
New Hall	1 Computer Lab, 24/7 (141B)		
University Hall	1 Lounge		
Wilson Hall	1 Commuter Cafe		

## **CLASS CANCELATION LINE**

An information line is available to students in the event that classes are cancelled due to faculty absences or inclement weather. The cancellation line is a 24-hour recorded service that announces which classes will be cancelled for that particular day. You can access the recording by calling 413 572 5411.

## **COMMUTER LUNCH SERIES**

During the academic year, the Office of Student Activities offers a free lunch and dinner series exclusively for commuter students. The series showcases a variety of offices, services and student organizations on campus. The lunch and dinner series serve as an informal way for commuter students to meet staff members from various department, get informed of events/services on campus, and connect with other commuter students.

FALL 2019 11:30 am to 1:30 pm			SPRING 2020 11:30 am to 1:30 pm		
WED	SEP 11	Parking Information	TUE	FEB 4	To be determined
WED	OCT 2	Counseling Center Services	TUE	FEB 25	To be determined
WED	OCT 23	Career Services	TUE	MAR 17	To be determined
WED	NOV 13	Alumni Info & Lifetime Owls Program	TUE	APR 7	To be determined
WED	DEC 4	Fitness Center/Free Day Pass	TUE	APR 28	To be determined

#### **Dates For Luncheons**

#### **Commuter Services and Commuter Council**

Amy Szlachetka, Director, Ely Lower Level Room 071, (413) 572-5443

#### WHO WE ARE

Approximately 2000 full-time undergraduate students commute to Westfield State University. The office of Commuter Services provides the link to helping the commuters be connected to the University. Amy Szlachetka, the Director of the Campus Center and Commuter Services is the key resource person on campus for commuter students, faculty and staff members. At any time, they can contact her with any questions or concerns they may have.

Commuter Services also works closely with the *Commuter Council* on campus. The Commuter Council is a well- recognized student organization dedicated to serving commuter students. The Council is the best forum on campus for discussing issues affecting commuting students. They also plan a variety of co-sponsored social events free of charge for the commuters. The events include bi-monthly luncheons which showcase various offices/services on campus, community service events, the Owl Bash (a spring weekend filled with events) and other activities which offer an opportunity for commuters to get to know other students on campus.

The Commuter Council is always looking for new members. For more information, contact the Commuter Council Advisor, Amy Szlachetka at <u>aszlachetka@westfield.ma.edu</u>.

#### **Commuter Student Government Association Seats**

There are four seats available on Student Government Association (SGA) for commuter representatives. Please consider joining this organization, it is a great way for new students to get involved and keep informed about campus life as well as representing commuter students. For more information, contact the Commuter Council Advisor Amy Szlachetka, 413 572 5443.