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Subject: Keep it up Wildcats! Free Lanyards!

Dear Wildcats,

You did it! Keep it Up!

Congratulations on a successful first two weeks! As you have walked around campus, I hope you've seen the new banners on display, describing how Linfield is an UNCOMMON place with amazing students. We have seen this to be true this semester with Linfield students being UNCOMMONLY willing to follow the necessary guidelines and help keep our entire community healthy.

As campuses across the country have reopened, there has been a concerning trend of campus parties serving as a breeding ground for the spread of COVID-19 within their respective communities. Campuses have closed and classes have gone on-line all over the country. Linfield can be different and you are making it work!

Stay Here...and Get Free Stuff, Entered for FREE BOOKS!

Besides wearing your mask, one of the best (and easiest) ways of reducing your risk of getting COVID-19 is to remain at Linfield. We have had students become exposed after leaving campus. The best place for you to be at this time is on campus, in our Linfield community. Please do not go home this weekend or visit non-Linfield friends off campus. I know it's tempting on a weekend like this one, with high temperatures and many people celebrating Labor Day. As a reminder, classes are in session on Monday.

As a special bonus this weekend, RAs and Linfield Staff will be out on campus, handing out new Linfield University Wildcats lanyards. The lanyards will have raffle tickets attached. Hang on to your raffle ticket and read Thursday's Linfield Ahead, where the winning number will be posted, to see if you won. If your raffle number is the one selected you will win a \$250 credit for books at the book store. Be sure to keep an eye out this weekend for our prize patrols on campus!

No One Wants to Quarantine

We understand that you want to see your friends, socialize and catch up after so many months away from campus. Unfortunately, socialization in a pandemic must look different. We expect students to follow the [Student Policy Guide](#) and the [temporary COVID-19 policies](#), as well as the [Wild for our Health commitment](#), which reiterates the safety and health protocols. When you socialize, you must limit your groups to 10 or fewer individuals, keep your socialization circle to the same students to allow for contact tracing, make sure you physically distance AND wear face coverings. Doing these things will reduce the impact of a COVID outbreak and reduce the number of people who become ill.

Students are responsible for what goes on in their residence hall room, apartment or off-campus house. During this pandemic, hosting a party could put the health of students, faculty and staff in jeopardy. It could also result in a closure of the campus and a return to online-only learning. Students who host a party and put our community in jeopardy could face removal from Linfield.

Thank you for your part in keeping the campus healthy for the first two weeks. The hand washing, social distancing and mask wearing are all making a difference. Let's keep it up – we are all in this together!!

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