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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Sept 7 – Holiday –
Campus Offices closed

Tues, Sept 8 – Wed, Sept 16
Welcome Week

Tuesday, Sept 8 – First day of
Fall Semester – Financial Aid
Disbursed

Tuesday, Sept 8 – 11am – 1pm
Money Machine, Clock Tower

Wednesday, Sept 9 – 10am-3pm
Part-time Job Fair, Valhalla, CC

Thursday, Sept 10 – 5-7:30pm
Price is Right-Style Game Night
Valhalla, Cartwright Center

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Online Checks vs. Debit/Credit Cards

When it comes time to make a payment onto your university bill, you will be given a choice of either a credit payment (2.75% convenience fee) or an online check (an ACH payment with no fee). Be sure to choose the “online check” option to avoid paying additional fees.

The Business Office accepts the following debit/credit cards (online only): MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, Diner’s Club. Credit or debit cards are not accepted at the Cashier’s window. The online check option is available to students, parents and guests.

You always have the option of paying with a physical check made out to UW-La Crosse. Be sure to note the student’s ID# on the check.

There is a \$25 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Financial Aid Disbursements & Billing

Financial Aid is disbursed on the first day of the semester for all students who have accepted awards and have completed all necessary paperwork. **University bills are e-mailed to the student** at their campus e-mail address. For the Fall semester, those bills will be e-mailed approximately September 21 and are due on October 21. A 1% service charge will be added to any university bill that has a remaining balance on that date with a new bill being issued (again sent to the student’s campus e-mail). All balances are to be paid in full by November 20. Students are not allowed to register for the upcoming semester until the bill for the prior semester is paid in full.

Ask Earnest

“Dear Earnest, How can I find a part-time job?”

The UW-L Online Job Board was created to help students find part-time jobs that will still leave them plenty of time for their studies. Available at <http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Student-employment>, the site is very easy to use. By logging in with their NetID and password used for student email, students are able to search part-time jobs ranging from babysitting, restaurant, office work, retail and others. When a specific category is displayed, a detailed list of jobs is available for the student to review. If you have questions about the Online Job Board, contact the Financial Aid Office. **Be sure to stop in at the Part-time Job Fair (for on and off campus jobs), Wednesday, September 3, 10-3 in Valhalla, Cartwright Center.**

It Make\$ Cents!

Upcoming Events

Price is Right-Style Game Night

Thursday, Sept. 10
5 – 7:30 p.m.

Valhalla, Cartwright

A fun game night with food, beverages, desserts and prizes. Enjoy a variety of games that test and increase your knowledge of personal finance while offering the chance to win prizes!

Money Monologues

Monday, Sept. 14
6 p.m.

Toland Theatre

A re-enactment of people's real-life experiences related to money. This emotional experience will take you up hills, down valleys and into the soul of the many shared testimonies within the La Crosse community. These first hand experiences will pull heartstrings and produce mounds of laughter as you either relate, empathize, or learn the impact that financial dispositions create in each of our lives.

Rent Smart

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:30 p.m.

Alumni Speak On: Entrepreneurship

Tuesday, Sept. 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Centennial Hall, Room TBA



www.uwlax.edu/it-makes-cents

Dance-Walking Scholarship Campaign Video Challenge

Talent or no talent? It doesn't matter! Get a group of 5 people or just yourself and record your 'dance-walking' moves to enter the contest! A 30-90 second video of dance-walking can enter you to win a scholarship sponsored by local community businesses, putting money back in students' pockets!

This is a fun way to go out in the community and impress (or maybe scare) people with your dance skills for a chance to win a scholarship! Have fun, dance along and win money!!

Sept 21st- Oct 23rd, submit your video to IMC! Facebook page. More details, waivers and tips are available at www.uwlax.edu/it-makes-cents.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE IN SEPTEMBER

For more scholarships, go to
<http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/scholarships>

[Jaime Horn Memorial Softball Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 9/1/2015

[La Unidad Latina Foundation](#)

Amount: \$250 - \$1,000
Deadline: 9/1/2015

[Walmart Associate Scholarship](#)

Amount: Varies Deadline: 9/3/2015

[Altschul Champions for PRSSA Outstanding Internship Award](#)

Amount: \$300 Deadline: 9/11/2015

[1-800-Wheelchair Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 9/15/2015

[S.L.A.C. Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 9/15/2015

[US Bank Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$5,000 (5)
Deadline: 9/17/2015

[\\$500 Teacher Grant](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 9/18/2015

[County Office Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](#)

Amount: Varies Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Hit the Books Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[JW Surety Bonds Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$25,000 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Return 2 College Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Richard E. Merwin Student Scholarship](#)

Amount: Varies Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Shout It Out Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,500 Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Xerox Minority Scholarship](#)

Amount: Varies Deadline: 9/30/2015

[Click on the name of the scholarship for the application process.](#)

"Not Just Wingin' It" Blog

Ever wonder what a student could learn working in the Financial Aid Office (FAO)? Our social media intern, Alexis, gives you a glimpse of the lessons she has learned through her own college financial experiences and her work at the front desk in the FAO.

As a senior at UWL she has taken a stand to be a student who is **Not Just Wingin' It** when it comes to her money and future financial health! From Do's and Don'ts written to her younger self to summer savings challenges, Alexis provides excellent financial aid related advice with a fun twist.

"I hope that some of my advice resonates and makes your college experience a little smoother than mine was when I first started out. Keep in mind, though, that you're likely to hit a few bumps along the road as well."

See more of what Alexis has to say at: <https://uwlfinaid.wordpress.com/>