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This edition of "Counselor E-News" is prepared by the Office of Student Services at UW-Richland as a service to high school guidance counselors. The newsletter is sent via e-mail and is also available via the [UWR High School Counselor homepage](#).

This "spring fling" version of our Counselor E-News is the we-know-how-busy-you-are edition.

So here's a glimpse at what's going on these days at UW-Richland, including information regarding "next steps" for your UWR-bound students.

- **UW-Richland is still admitting for fall.**
- **[2012-13 Course Schedules](#) available via the UWR website**
- **Summer Session information is also available via our website.**
- **Campus housing is going to be "tight," but possibilities may still exist for late-comers.**

➤ **“Next up” for UWR-bound Students**

1. **Placement Testing:** Information about placement testing has been mailed to all admitted students and testing begins April 21.
2. **Financial Aid Award Information:** Students who submitted the FAFSA by our priority date of April 1 will receive first consideration in the financial aid awarding and notification process. Fall semester award offers will start going out in the next couple of weeks; this is an on-going process with notification continuing throughout the summer months.
3. **STAR Information:** By the first of May students will receive information regarding **STAR** (SummerTime Advising & Registration). They’ll receive information on how to access Course Schedule information—and will be told to sign up right away for their selected STAR date. STAR is the start of our orientation program that extends through “Welcome Week” in September. Students walk away from their STAR session with a fall class schedule in place. STAR sessions begin on May 31.



➤ **Wisconsin Education Fair is October 10th @ UWR:**

Again this year UWR will host a regional Wisconsin Education Fair. The date is Wednesday, October 10, and per past practice the fair will run from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

- **What’s more expensive than college?** Not going to college. In a recent article in *The Money Report* found in “The Atlantic,” Derek Thompson writes, “There is a cost to not educating young people. The evidence is around us and all over the world.” Calling education the “most important means of economic mobility,” Thompson presents a very compelling argument regarding the value of education—and, as we know, “value” is more than just economic. [Here’s a link to the article](#). We think you’ll find it intriguing:

- **Academic Alliance 2.0 expands:** UW-Richland’s dual-credit program known as Academic Alliance 2.0 is expanding for the 2012-13 academic year. Piloted in its new format this past year at River Valley and Ithaca High Schools, the program moves to the next phase adding the following schools: Mauston, Iowa-Grant, Sparta, and Richland Center. High school instructors have already had their orientation session on campus and have met their assigned UWR faculty liaison. The AA 2.0 page on the UWR website is being up-graded to streamline dissemination of information, as well as to enable application and registration. We hope to have all AA 2.0 students enrolled by June 30.

[Click to learn more about next year’s Alliance program.](#)

- **Semester winds down:** My, how time flies when you're having fun. The school year is almost over! Here's what's coming up on our calendar::
- April 25: "Taste of UW-Richland" Spring Campus Preview (3:00-5:00 pm)
 - April 27: The "running" of the 41st Annual Roadrunner Road Rallye.
 - May 4: Graduation and Awards Night
 - May 9: Last Day of Classes
 - May 10: Study Day
 - May 11-17: Final Exam Week



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Here's hoping the calendar and the clock are good to you as the days of the 2011-12 academic year wind down.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!