As we head into the last stretch of the aid year, the Federal Work-Study team wants to extend our thanks once again.

Even amidst these challenging and uncertain circumstances, our supervisors have helped us succeed in making this program a success.

Looking ahead to next semester and beyond, let’s continue working together to best serve our students and our communities!

Happy Spring!

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Important Upcoming Dates

April 12 - 16
- Student Employee Appreciation Week

April 16
- 2021 WVU Student Employee of the Year Announcement

May 3
- Last Day of Spring Classes

May 4 - May 8
- Final Exam Week

May 8
- Last Day Students Can Work

June 7
- Fall FWS Hiring Opens
Show Your Appreciation the Week of April 12 - 16

We’ve all been through a challenging year. Student workers have often spent this pandemic juggling school, home, and work responsibilities, adapting to remote work arrangements, adjusting for COVID-19 precautions, and more. Use this week to show them that their dedication has not gone unnoticed!

Student Employee of the Year Finalists and Winners

During Student Employee Appreciation Week, be sure to keep an eye on ENews and the social media accounts for the Mountaineer Hub and Career Services. Throughout the week, we’ll be sharing the full list of Student Employee of the Year nominees, spotlighting some of our student workers through photos and testimonials, and revealing our grand prize winners!

Student Employee Appreciation Ideas

(Adapt for remote workers as necessary)

- Grab Them a Coffee
- Send Thank-You Notes
- Leave Treats on Desks
- Buy Them Lunch
- Decorate Their Space
Things to Keep in Mind

**FWS Resources**
- Federal Work-Study Home
- Hiring an FWS Student
- Managing an FWS Position
- Supervisor Training Materials
- Important Forms
- WVU FWS Supervisor Handbook
- Onboarding Presentation

**Supervisors to be Notified of Returning Students**

Federal Work-Study supervisors who submitted a request to have current employees return next academic year will receive a communication in late April noting students who have been approved to return.

Any students not included on the list will need to reapply for the position through Handshake.

If you have questions, please contact the Mountaineer Hub!

**Continue to Encourage Submitting the FAFSA**

Please encourage your work-study employees to submit the FAFSA for 2021-2022 if they have not yet done so. To be considered for Federal Work-Study, a student must have their FAFSA sent to WVU when they submit. Students can find more information at [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov).
Community Partners must submit their time cards to work-study@mail.wvu.edu every Friday by noon. Failure to approve and/or submit employee time cards by the appropriate deadlines may result in the delay of accurate paychecks reaching our work-study employees.

**Reminder: No Federal Work-Study Awards for Summer**

The last day students may work under Federal Work-Study for the spring semester is May 8. Summer work-study funds will not be available for the summer 2021 semester. Students who have been approved to return to their position will begin earning their funds in the fall.

**Federal Work-Study Job Expiration Form**

All Federal Work-Study positions are automatically re-posted each new aid year for students to apply to. If you would not like your position re-posted, please fill out the Federal Work-Study Job Expiration Form and we will remove it from Handshake.
The mission of the Volunteer Services Department at WVU Medicine is to further enhance the hospital’s mission of improving the health of West Virginians and all they serve through excellence in patient care, research and education by providing support opportunities for adults, students and teenagers within the community.

Our work-study students get the opportunity to experience what it’s like to work in a healthcare environment. Matthew Fleshman (pictured) has been a work study student with us since September 2020. His placement is at Children’s Hospital where he helps maintain a warm and friendly atmosphere for the children and their families by assisting the Child Life Department. He visits children, offers companionship, plays games, reads, makes crafts and helps with special events.

Matthew has certainly become a part of the team at WVU Medicine. His plan is to apply to medical school and become a pediatrician.