

Campus tips and tricks

A Few Tips and Tricks at Wartburg



You can rent: ethernet cords, dry erase markers, popular movies, magazines and bicycles **from the library.**



Wartburg Sustainability has a ReUsed office in the basement of Old Main, where you can get **free gently used supplies.**



Knightlink is an **employment** website operated by Wartburg to find jobs on and off campus.

— Mauricio Gutierrez/TRUMPET

Student Senate and the CCE may **have funding** you could use to go to a conference.

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Hidden tips and tricks found at Wartburg College have been made available to students through the Student Senate, Jacob Martin, former student body president, said.

"This was a product of last year's Student Senate," Martin said.

"I worked with, at the time Vice President Lanie Crouse, to come up with things that we didn't think that every student knew."

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These tips, Martin said, are not by any means "life hacks", but they are ways to know more about the school and more things available through different departments of the school.

Teri Mueller, student body president, said the main goal of the tips and tricks is to give students different ideas.

"There are many ways students can address problems, what to do for fun and just good things to know as a Wartburg student just by looking at the list of tips and tricks," Mueller said.

Mueller said these tips are something that can be beneficial to the whole student body.

"Being a fourth year, I had no idea the number of things you could rent from the library," Martin said.

"The bikes—I had no idea about that program and I have been working with Anne Duncan in sustainability for as long as I can remember, but I had no idea you could rent bikes."

Martin said the library has ethernet cables, dry erase markers and other things available.

The goal of the tips and tricks was to help make things run as smoothly as possible on campus, Mueller said.

"On the back [of the sheet], there is a list of problems and who to contact," Martin said.

"Student senators always get emails saying, 'last night my shower head in the Manors stopped working and I don't know what to do about it' or things like this, so the list gives contact information for these instances."

Martin said the list is a good way to give people resources they can use for direct access, instead of contacting the senator representative for their floor or complex.

"We hope students are utilizing the different resources we put out, whether it is the weekly newsletter, the tip sheets or checking the website," Mueller said.

The tips and tricks handout is available online, on senate bulletin boards or students can stop by the Senate office to pick one up.

If there are any questions, comments or more helpful tips and tricks, Mueller encouraged individuals to email senate@wartburg.edu.

The power of mentoring

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Wartburg believes in the power of mentoring others and helping others pursue their calling, which is why Wartburg offers staff-to-staff mentoring sessions, TJ Warren, Pathways center associate for vocation and mentoring, said.

"The biggest purpose is to help new staff members get used to campus and to figure out what Wartburg's mission is all about," Warren said.

He added, staff members get partnered with other faculty that are outside their office and have similar interests.

The mentors meet with their mentee at least once a month and each time have a different topic of discussion.

Topics include getting to know each other, Wartburg's mission and values, branching out across campus, investing in you, staff member's future and moving forward/closure.

Mentor Dan Kittle enjoys how they don't have to think of a lot of the information themselves, as they were given a binder with

all the topics that need to be discussed.

"I really like the program because it connects me with people that I would get a chance to meet, but not work as closely with," Kittle said.

Mentee Kristin Teig Torres, assistant director and service learning coordinator, said when you start a new job, a lot of things can be overwhelming at first.

"I feel I am really taking advantage of more of the learning piece and also being able to challenge myself and my mentor to better grow our programs," Teig Torres said.

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Teig Torres also likes it because she feels there are staff members whom she has many similarities with and if she has an issue with

something, she has a mentor to talk to.

Although the program was founded to help new staff members get used to campus, it will also benefit the students, Warren said.

"It will help the students by letting the new staff member know the mission of the college and also the way we culture our students on campus," Warren said.

Teig Torres knows it will be important for the Wartburg community as a whole to have the same objective and teach the student about liberal education and how to be an active citizen for whatever path they may take in life.

The program is not required for new staff members, but is highly recommended.

"The mentors are picked by volunteering, as we feel people that want to be mentors should have that opportunity," Warren said.

The program currently has eight mentors and eight mentees, a consistent number in years past, according to Warren.

"The college runs a lot on relationships whether you are a student or a staff member and this program helps us develop them," Kittle said.

Martin steps down

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Jacob Martin announced his resignation from the position of Wartburg Student Body President during the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

Martin said he is stepping down due to depression and anxiety that he has been facing and will be leaving this semester to go to his home in Pella, Iowa.

He hopes to be back for second semester.

Vice President Teri Mueller will take over as student body president while the Student Senate executive

team goes through the transition process.

"Though Senate is saddened by the resignation of Jacob, we feel confident that we as a cohesive organization can move forward with our objectives to meet the needs of the student body," Teri Mueller said.

"We are fortunate to have been blessed with a large group of leaders who are capable of adapting to this change."

Mueller will appoint a new vice president soon with a two-thirds senate approval.

The vote will take place at the Nov. 20, 2014 meeting.

"I truly appreciate all of you allowing me to serve the school, and pray that I can return to the college of our brightest days as soon as possible," Martin said.



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