Today’s the day we launch the Great Experiment.

I have faith in each of you. I know how hard you have been adapting, pivoting, and trying out new things. I know you will be successful because you are so committed to your students and their education. I also know you can’t wait to get back to our face-to-face, in-person education. Neither can I.

Thank you for your patience, imagination, creativity, hard work, and sheer goodwill through these last few weeks, and in the weeks ahead. I know it means everything to our students.
Words of Wisdom

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PRESIDENT HATCH

Dear Wake Forest faculty,

We find ourselves in a situation unlike anything we’ve experienced before. And in order to do what is healthy and safe for our students, community and country, you are facing a great challenge.

Since I can’t share my gratitude in person, I am sending along this short video. May this convey a small measure of my great appreciation and offer you encouragement for the days ahead.

Natalie Alms

NATALIE ALMS (’20) WRITES GUEST COLUMN IN SALISBURY POST

Senior Natalie Alms wrote a guest column in the Salisbury Post, in which she has incredible insight into our current situation. Read the full article here.

“Wake Forest’s motto is Pro Humanitate, ‘for humanity.’ My university shut its doors to save lives. That decision aligns with its very core, however painful it may be for us seniors. What a final lesson – one of sacrifice for the greater good – that my class, along with everyone else, is learning now.”

- Natalie Alms

#MENTORFROMADISTANCE

IDENTIFY ONE PERSON IN YOUR NETWORK YOU HAVEN’T SPOKEN TO IN A WHILE. SEND THEM AN EMAIL OR GIVE THEM A CALL TO UPDATE ON YOUR LIFE AND WORK, AND ASK ABOUT THEIRS.

“THESE CRISES HAVE REALLY BROUGHT THIS TO THE FOREFRONT: WHEN THINGS ARE BAD, FAMILY ALWAYS STICKS TOGETHER, AND I’M OBSERVING THAT FIRST-HAND AMONG OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS. THIS DOESN’T MEAN THINGS ARE EASY; ON THE CONTRARY, THEY WILL BE VERY TOUGH. BUT WE MUST TAKE HOPE IN THIS GREAT TRUTH: IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE BAD AND DIFFICULT THINGS, BUT GOOD ALWAYS PREVAILS!”

- Sandeep Mazumder

#WakeFromHome
Tools of the Remote Trade

WAKERSPACE OFFERS VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

The WakerSpace is offering VirtShops - virtual WakerSpace workshops! VirtShops will be hosted using Zoom and registration will continue through pdc.wfu.edu. Classes include “Basic Graphics with Adobe Spark VirtShop” or “Introduction to 3D Printing VirtShop.”

DON’T FORGET: KEEP TEACHING WEBSITE

Visit KeepTeaching.wfu.edu for resources and strategies for remote teaching.

THE CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING RESOURCES

The CAT posts almost daily remote teaching resources and tips. You can follow along here, or subscribe to have the updates sent to your email inbox each morning (the bandwidth graphic below was included on the March 19 post, “Alternatives to Zoom: A Series”). They will also continue offering consultations regarding teaching resources. Sign up here.
Tech Tips

Tip 1: LIGHT YOUR FACE FOR YOUR VIDEO CONFERENCE

Tired of being a silhouette on Zoom or WebEx? Fix it in three minutes. Learn how.

Tip 2: FIVE THINGS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT ZOOM

I just finished the LinkedIn Learning tutorial on Zoom and a YouTube on breakout rooms. From those sources, ITG email exchanges, and posts on here on itg.wfu.edu, I learned five things that were not obviously a part of a video conference platform.

DON'T MISS OUT: RICK MATTHEWS TO GIVE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FOR PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Wednesday, March 25, at 3 p.m., link below

Rick Matthews, Professor and Director of Academic and Instructional Technology and Department of Physics, will speak on “41 Years of Teaching and Technology” on Wednesday, March 25, at 3 p.m. Click here for the video conference link. Note: This is an online Zoom presentation. If you have not used Zoom recently, click on the above link to join about 10 minutes early to be sure the necessary software installs itself.
Office Views: #WakeFromHome

Sure miss our awesome CS students! Here is my make-shift home office...how about yours? What space are you creating for productivity? #remotework #onlineclasses #shareideas

- @WFUCompSci

Practicing virtual class this afternoon and this white board is haunting me ... I can choose to be sad that many of these things won't happen as planned, or I can be grateful that many of these speakers are rallying to make it happen online. - Jennifer Richwine

Decided my first zoom video should be going over logistics while introducing the students to my son, who will undoubtedly make appearances in future videos. This is him shoving an excavator in my face during the video.
#WakeFromHome
#AcademicTwitter
#WorkFromHome

- Staci Hepler

This is what my new office looks like behind the scene.

- Sam Cho

Colleague enjoying the sun!

- Tanya Zanish-Belcher

Back in the online teaching saddle. And, for those that asked or wondered, yes I am wearing pants. #Proflife #onlineeducation #onlinecourses #wakefromhome

- David Yamane
Faculty Celebrations

RECENT FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

Steven Giles, Associate Professor of Communication, received funding for “A Coordinated Parent/Child Dyad Weight Loss Intervention: Dyad Plus” by the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

Sarah McDonald, Associate Professor of Biology, received funding for “Mapping Rotavirus Reassortment Restriction Determinants” by the National Institutes of Health.

Kyana Young, Assistant Professor of Engineering, received funding for “Technology Development and Demonstration of Grit Assisted Patch (GAP): Improvement and Field Test” by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Marquette University.

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


OFFICE OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT’S VIRTUAL TUTORING

The Virtual Tutoring Program is a Wake Forest University-led initiative to match WFU undergraduate and graduate students as tutors with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County (WSFCS) K-12 students during school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Virtual tutors will meet with students weekly for a one-hour session, via a technology platform that works for both the tutor and student.
**Creative Corner**

**VIEW REYNOLDA HOUSE’S COLLECTION ONLINE**

Follow @CurateReynolda on social media channels as they highlight treasures from their collection online or view the collection online here. This is Albert Bierstadt’s “Sierra Nevada.”

**WAKE THE ARTS**

Follow @wakethearts on Instagram for images from the WFU art collection to bring you peace and inspiration! “There are no rules. That is how art is born, how breakthroughs happen. Go against the rules or ignore the rules. That is what invention is about.” — Helen Frankenthaler. “Untitled” acrylic painting on paper, 1963. Copyright Helen Frankenthaler/Artists Rights Society, New York.

**MUST SEE: CHM 280 TRAILER**

And the Academy Award for Best Remote Teaching Film Trailer goes to Associate Teaching Professor David Wren for his CHM 280 horror movie-inspired production. Well done, David! Check it out here.

**THEATRE & DANCE WAVE HELLO**

The Department of Theatre & Dance sent a short greeting to students via Youtube. What a wonderful way to “see” everyone at once!

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**WAKE FOREST SPORTS ON TWITTER**

You can show support for our student-athletes virtually on Twitter. The @DemonDeacons twitter account is keeping track of all our athletics news. Other accounts to keep up with include: Wake Women’s Soccer & Wake Men’s Soccer Wake Women’s Basketball & Wake Men’s Basketball Wake Baseball Wake Women’s Golf & Wake Men’s Golf Wake Football Wake Volleyball Wake Forest Women’s Tennis & Wake Forest Men’s Tennis

**IF YOU EVER DREAMED OF PLAYING FOR MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD,**

**NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.**

Play inside, play for the world.