Important Student Reminders about the 2016 Academic Year

Classes begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Here are reminders that should ensure a smooth start to the 2016 academic year:

- **Check MIX daily**: MIX is the WVU online portal for students. Through MIX, you can check your WVU email account, find out what is happening on campus, find out if there are WVU football or basketball tickets available, and access the STAR system where you can register for classes, check your course schedule and grades, check your financial aid and housing status, pay your bill, and much more. Students should check their MIX daily for official PSC emails and announcements. Go to *http://www.mix.wvu.edu* to learn more.

- **Welcome Week:** The schedule is posted online at *http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/student_life/connections.html*.

- **First Year Foundations:** First year students are required to participate in the First Year Foundations seminars on Monday, August 15, from 10 AM until 3:10 PM.

- **Fall Kick-off:** All students are expected to participate in the Fall Kick-off event in the Church McKee Auditorium on August 17 at 8 PM. Fireworks will follow this event.

- **Residence Hall Move-in:** To learn more go online to *http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/residence_life_housing/arrival_and_check_in.html*.

- **Activate "MyID" Prior to Arriving**: Go to *http://myid.wvu.edu* and click on "activate account" link. This will set your password for MIX, Master ID, WVU wireless, etc. Your password for ResNet will not change.

- **Potomac State Alerts:** Emergency alerts on your cell phone. Parents can have their cell phones added to receive text alerts. Go to *http://emergency.wvu.edu/alert/potomacstate/* to sign up for this service.

- **See Something Say Something:** To learn more about how you play a critical role in reporting threatening and/or concerning behaviors by any member of the College community please go to *http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/seeitsayit.html*.

- **LiveSafe App:** The free LiveSafe app improves communication between students, faculty, and University Police, and allows for faster emergency response in distress situations. By having access to the latest safety information, our goal is to help build a safe campus, together. The app – available to students, faculty, staff, parents, and campus visitors – allows you to: Send your location to University Police in an emergency (University Police DOES NOT actively track your location); Report suspicious activity anonymously to University Police; Invite friends or family to monitor your location as you walk home-you never have to walk alone; Receive real-time safety alerts from University Police to your phone. Go to *http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/livesafe.html* to learn more and to download this free app.

- **Catamount ID Card:** The Catamount Card combines the functions of a photo ID card, Dining Services access card, debit card (Catamount Debit Plan), library card, room key (for students residing in University Place and Catamount Place), and as an access card to PSC activities and services. The Catamount ID Card is valid for students registered for the current semester at PSC. Cards are distributed during Orientation Days and Student Advising Days; if you miss picking up your card or if you lose it you should go to the Student Life Office in AD 104. You have to be registered for classes and present a valid driver's license or other government-issued photo identification to obtain a card. Cards are nontransferable and violators are subject to disciplinary action. Your card should be carried with you at all times. Cards remain the property of PSC and may be confiscated for misuse. There is a $20 replacement fee if your card is lost, damaged, or stolen.

- **Catamount Debit Plan:** The debit plan, otherwise known as Mountie Bounty, is available to make purchases in the following locations: the PSC Bookstore, the Commons, the Rapids, in residence hall laundry machines (*laundry machines do not accept change; you must use the Catamount Debit Plan to pay for laundry machine use in the residence halls*), and at various WVU locations including the Mountainlair and at football and basketball games. If you are interested in using this service you should go to Student Life located in AD 104 or call 788-6842 to obtain a Deposit Form or deposits can be made electronically at *http://wvucard.wvu.edu/mb_deposit*.

- **Insurance (Health and Property):** PSC strongly recommends that all students be covered by health insurance that would cover the cost of medical care if it becomes necessary for services not offered through PSC Student Health Services. Check to make sure your student is covered by your health insurance and that it will work in Keyser. Many HMOs will not work away from your home coverage area. Go to *http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/student_life/insurance.html* to learn more. Check your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure your student's property will be covered away from home. If not, consider renter's insurance. In most cases a landlord (this includes PSC residence halls) will not reimburse a student for losses resulting from things like theft, fire, or water damage. The Housing office can be contacted at (304) 788-7407 for more information about property insurance options.

- **AlcoholEdu for New Freshmen and Transfer Students is required:** New Freshmen and transfer students under age of 21 are required to complete AlcoholEdu. Part 1 of the online course must be completed by September 2, 2016. Students may go to *http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/alcohol_edu.html* and follow the directions and begin taking the course after August 2, 2016.

- **Transit Financial Wellness for New Freshmen and Transfer Students is required**: Every new incoming student who is required to take the First-Year Seminar course must complete the Transit Financial Wellness online course. This includes transfer students with fewer than 29 credit hours. Access is available starting August 2, 2016. Students may go to *http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/financial-planning.html* and follow the directions and begin taking the course on August 2, 2016.

- **Parent/Guest Portal:** Students can log on to STAR and grant student record access to parents or guests via an online Parent/Guest Portal. Granting this access will allow students to grant bill pay access to parents via a separate and unique log in established by you as the student. In addition to student account bill pay access, students can also choose to grant access to housing, grading, dining, or financial aid info to parents or guests. For more information or guidance about how to set up access, go to: *http://parent-guest.portal.wvu.edu/*.

- **Transportation Suggestions To/From PSC:** The College provides a *free shuttle* to the train station in Cumberland, MD, prior to major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring). Contact the Housing office at (304)788-7407 for more details. *Taxi* service is available by calling the Yellow Cab Company at (301)722-4050 or (304)788-3531 or the Queen City Taxi Company at (301)722-2800. *College Shuttle* is a company based out of Frederick, MD. This service would be ideal for those traveling to/from Baltimore/DC areas. For more information and rates you can go online at *www.collegeshuttles.com*. Another shuttle that can be used that travels to Greyhound at Baltimore, Amtrak at BWI, and all airlines at BWI is Bayrunner Shuttle Service. More information about this service can be obtained at *http://www.bayrunnershuttle.com/west/about.asp*. These services can be used anytime. Neither company is associated with PSC.

- **WVU Football Tickets:** WVU notifies Potomac State when student tickets become available and a message is then sent to students via MIX email about ticket availability usually a day or two before the game. Students should always call the WVU Ticket office at 1-800-WVU-GAME, prior to making the trip to WVU. If tickets are available, go to the ticket window at the North Gate and present your Catamount ID Card and pay $10 to purchase a student ticket. Student tickets cannot be purchased online or in advance.

- **Recommended Reading:** The *Student Handbook* is available online at http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/2016-Student-Handbook.pdf.

- **Recommended Reading for Residence Hall Students:** Should read the *Residence Hall Handbook* available at http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/residence_life_housing/2016-2017-Housing-Residence-Life-Handbook.pdf.

- **Must Read for All Students:** The *PSC Student Conduct Code* that applies to students both on and off campus. To view the Code, please go to http://potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/PSC-Student-Conduct-Code-2016.pdf.

Contact us at (304) 788-6842 or at *psc-studentlife@mail.wvu.edu* if you have questions. Go to *http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/campus_life/student_life/* to learn more about the services available to you.