Tomorrow: Learn the benefits of joining the Alumni Association
You don’t have to wait until graduation to be part of the WSU Alumni Association. Current students can join for just $20 a year, and enjoy social events, career support, special discounts, and a sense of worldwide pride.

Watch the video preview here, then sign up for the 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 event below:
Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow: Cougars Forever

News briefs
Share your knowledge at SURCA. WSU’s Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities lets you display your course work in a wide variety of fields, and win cash prizes. To enter, find a faculty mentor, and submit an abstract. If you’re chosen, your poster will be displayed at the WSU Pullman research fair, and faculty judges will ask questions through a webcam and microphone. (Here’s how it worked in 2013.) The showcase is March 30, and the deadline to submit your abstract is Feb. 23. Details are on the SURCA website.

Blackboard Learn help. If you run into a problem with Blackboard, please contact Tech Support at 509–335–4320 (direct) or toll-free 800–222–4978 (select “1”) or send an email to wsuonline.support@wsu.edu for a response within 24 hours. Links to other resources, such as a list of tutorial videos, are on the Global Campus Blackboard Learn page.

Thinking about grad school? Think about McNair. The McNair Achievement Program helps first-generation students and students from underrepresented backgrounds go to graduate school. Applications are now available.

Spotlight
Student earns 74 credits in year
Paul Cummins applies an engineer’s efficiency to fast-track his WSU education. Learn his strategies here.

Sync your calendar
Tuesday, Jan. 27. Deadline to pay tuition and fees without a 3 percent late fee.
Saturday, Jan. 31. WSU Scholarship Application Deadline.
Sunday, Feb. 15. WSU FAFSA priority deadline.
Tuesday, Feb. 24. Deadline to pay tuition and fees without 7 percent late fee.
Monday, March 2. Priority registration begins for summer.

Full academic calendar
Videos offer step-by-step FAFSA help. Filling out the FAFSA by the priority deadline of Feb. 15 can greatly increase your financial aid. For help with the form, check out these YouTube videos.

Career advice and opportunities. WSU Career Advisor Chris Miller not only offers resume critiques and networking advice, he also lists interesting job opportunities on his blog. Have a look.

Sport Management Master’s info sessions. Dr. Tammy Crawford has just scheduled four online info sessions on the online Sport Management Master’s Degree. The degree is designed for those seeking careers in the sport industry. To learn more, visit the degree page.

Global Connections activities

Wine & Dine Part 1: Food From The Heart
Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
Watch the video preview
In this Valentine’s Day–themed event, WSU Executive Chef Jamie Callison will prepare steak, chocolate truffles and a chocolate lentil cake. He will also give tips on complementary side dishes, and offer a brief preview of Food From The Heart Part 2, the March 3 event in which winery owner Patrick Merry will discuss pairing food and wine.

Wine & Dine Part 1: Food From The Heart
Wine & Dine Part 2: Food From The Heart

Excelling at Excel
Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. (basics)
Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. (advanced)
Excel can be the formula for organizing your life, automating calculations and getting a handle on reams of information. In this online event, presenter Stoney Brooks will show you how spreadsheets can turn chaos into order. The Feb. 18 event covers basics, and the Feb. 23 event will cover advanced functions. So, whether you’re an Excel novice or ninja, bring your toughest questions or send them in advance to global.connections@wsu.edu.

Excelling at Excel
New additions to the video library. Last week’s talk by Angela Davis at WSU’s MLK Community Celebration drew an overflow crowd to the Pullman campus. See what she had to say here.

And check out this helpful overview of the financial aid process, presented by two WSU financial aid experts.

Full events and activities calendar