



Ocala Metro Globe

Fall 2009 – Webster University, Ocala Metropolitan Campus

Webster University Recognized Nationally as One of Top “Great Colleges to Work For”

ST. LOUIS, July 6, 2009 – The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Webster University in the “Honor Roll” or top 10, of its second annual “Great Colleges to Work For” survey. Webster University is categorized as a four-year institution with 10,000 or more students. The Chronicle is widely considered the most respected publication serving the academic community. Webster University also received top honors in the 2008 survey.

The national survey ranked Webster University in the top 10 in 16 out of 28 categories, including: healthy faculty-administration relations; collaborative governance; supervisor/department chair relationship; overall satisfaction with benefits; health insurance; tuition reimbursement; 403b or 401k; life insurance; post-retirement benefits; work/life balance; confidence in senior leadership; internal communications; connection to institution and pride; perception of and confidence in fair treatment; respect and appreciation; and policies, resources and efficiency.

Webster shares top honors in its category with nine universities including Cornell University, Duke University, Emory University and University of Notre Dame. More than 41,000 administrators, faculty members and staff members at 247 colleges and universities responded to the survey. Survey results will appear in a special academic workplace supplement to this week’s issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

“This announcement today by The Chronicle came on my third day as Webster University’s 11th president,” said Dr. Elizabeth J. Stroble. “I experienced the warm, friendly and supportive culture at Webster the first time I visited. It is an honor for the faculty and staff to be recognized nationally among peers for the outstanding work environment they’ve helped create throughout the Webster University network. The Board of Trustees has empowered the university to continue to build a workplace in which everyone at Webster—faculty, staff and students—flourishes.”

With its home campus in St. Louis, Webster University is a worldwide institution committed to delivering high-quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence. Founded in 1915, Webster offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs through five schools and colleges, and a global network of more than 100 campuses. Its 20,000-plus student population represents almost 150 nationalities. The University’s core values include excellence in teaching, joining theory and practice, small class sizes, and educating students to be lifelong independent learners, fully prepared to participate in an increasingly international society.

Since opening its first campus overseas in Geneva in 1978, Webster has become a recognized leader and innovator in global education, with an international presence that now includes campuses in London; Vienna; Amsterdam and Leiden, the Netherlands; Shanghai, Shenzhen and Chengdu, China; and Bangkok and Cha-am, Thailand. Webster also has educational partnerships with universities in Mexico and Japan.



Webster Works Worldwide is a community service day in which all campuses from around the world in Webster University’s family are encouraged to participate. According to the Webster Works Worldwide website, last year alone, almost 2,400 volunteers from around the world put in over 10,800 hours of service. Plans are being made now for Ocala’s Webster Works Worldwide project for this year to be held during the month of October. We encourage all faculty, staff, students and alumni to get involved this year! If you are interested in participating in Webster Works Worldwide, or would like to have input in the planning stages of this event, please email Amanda Cebula, Community Relations Coordinator, at amandacebula01@webster.edu or call her at 352-861-9330 or (toll free) 877-986-2252.

Dates to Remember:

- *August 7
Golf Scramble, Volunteers Needed
- *August 15
Start of Fall 1 Term
- *September 7
Labor Day
Ocala Main Office Closed
- *October 17
End of Fall 1 Term/Start of Fall 2 Term
- *November 11
Veterans Day
Ocala Main Office Closed
- *November 26 - November 27
Thanksgiving Break
Ocala Main Office Closed
- *December 24 – January 3
Winter Break
Ocala Main Office Closed
- *January 2
Start of Spring 1 Term



Effective as of October 1, 2009 the 2008 Clery Report will be available at the Main Office and on the website: www.webster.edu

Announcement!

Please see the following people for academic advising.

- **Dr. Richard Perrone**, Business Academic Advisor
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- **Dr. Nicki Nance**, Counseling Academic Advisor/Faculty
Coordinator nnance@webster.edu
- **Dr. Dianne Albright**, Counseling Academic Advisor/Counseling
Coordinator diannealbright91@webster.edu

Drop/Add Policy

The student enrolled in courses is financially responsible for the courses he/she is enrolled in. If the student decides not to attend, the student should immediately request the courses be dropped. The university reserves the right to drop the student from courses for any one of several reasons. However the student should not assume that non-attendance will lead to an automatic drop. The student remains financially responsible for courses not dropped.

Letter from the Director

Greetings,

Welcome "Back to School" for the Fall terms! Please join me in welcoming the newest addition to our staff, Janice O'Keefe. She joins our Webster family as the new Department Associate/IT Technician. She is becoming a familiar face within our Webster community as she began in mid-June and has already met many of you. Janice loves to paint and sketch in her spare time. She used to participate in many art shows up North as she is originally from upstate New York. She also used to teach sign language to fellow employees for the American Institute of Banking. Janice and her husband came to Ocala about four years ago and aside from her husband's golfing hobby, she fits in great in Ocala because of her love for horses. Welcome, Janice!

Sincerely,

Tracy Rogers, MBA
Director



Janice O'Keefe

Interested in Starting a Student Organization?

This Spring, students have shown an interest in getting more involved on campus. One of the student suggestions is to create student organizations. Of these ideas, one is to begin a walking club. This sparked a thought, "Why can't we start other student organizations?" So, here's your chance! If you would like to get more involved with the campus and your fellow students by participating in the walking club, or have an idea for a different student organization, please email Amanda Cebula, Community Relations Coordinator. You can email her at amandacebula01@webster.edu.

ATTENTION!

Webster University students will have a new way to view and pay their bill online!

From June through August, 2009, students will receive both paper billing statements and have the option to view their statements online; beginning in September 2009 statements will be available online only.



The major changes to the new billing and payment system include:

- **Online bill presentment:** Students will receive a notification in their Webster email account when their billing statement is ready for viewing
- **More payment options:** Students can create authorized payers on their accounts who will have the ability to logon and pay the bill via credit card or ACH transaction. Only US based credit cards will be accepted.
- **Fully online:** Students will be able to pay their bill from any computer with internet access; the business office will no longer accept credit card payments via telephone.

Complete information about this new system can be found on the Bursar's website at <http://www.webster.edu/bursar>

* The last set of paper bills will be mailed in August for U.S. campuses.

Volunteers Needed

Webster University will be participating in a Golf Scramble, August 7th from 12:00pm until 6:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering during any of that time or if you would like more information, please email Amanda Cebula at amandacebula01@webster.edu.

How do you know if the campus is closed in case of an emergency?

First, check the website: www.webster.edu/ocala

Second, if the campus has been closed, the Administrative Office phone message will reflect the closure.



The Campus will be Closed for Winter Break

The campus will be closed for winter break beginning December 24th and will reopen January 4th. As the main office will be closed, **make sure you register for Spring courses and meet with your advisor BEFORE December 19th!!!** You can also register online.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL COURSES

DON'T FORGET to enroll for your Fall Courses!!!

Have you ever tried enrolling online? It is now easier than ever to enroll in classes all with the click of a button. All you need to do is login to your connections account. Start, by clicking on "Student Academic Services." For security purposes you login for a second time and then go to "Registration." From there, follow the steps, insert the information for the course(s) you want to take, and before you know it, you will be enrolled for the next term. Through your connections account, you are also able to view grades, review financial aid awards, access the library, and even estimate your GPA!

Other ways you may consider registering include meeting with an advisor or by paper on a Fall course schedule.

Course schedules can be found in the Main Office or online at www.webster.edu/ocala

Do you think you are ready to Graduate?

Fill out a Petition to Graduate!!! These **must** be submitted one term before your final class in order to be processed in a timely manner reflecting the actual completion of your degree. Petitions to Graduate can be obtained through the Main Office.



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