STUDENT LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

STUDENT LIFE

Williams Baptist College deliberately seeks to foster an atmosphere of student life that is conducive for students' personal and academic development. Student life is defined by the policies, curriculum, programs, and activities of the College. Students at Williams are encouraged to become participants in that aspect of campus life where they are best able to explore their talents, learn skills, develop relationships, form a personal value system, and discover a personal identity. All students are expected to conform to the policies and regulations of the institution.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

A Christian liberal arts college has dual responsibilities in faith and learning. At Williams Baptist College, Christian faith not only forms the foundation for education, but it is also a goal in itself. Fulfilling its mission as a "campus of Christian purpose," the College promotes and teaches Christian faith and values hoping to instill in students a commitment to serve God and man. The Office of Student Affairs oversees student life and is committed to the objectives of a Christian liberal arts college and seeks to provide a living-learning environment that will foster the individual growth and development of each student.

ORIENTATION

Williams Baptist College requires all students attending college for the first time to participate in orientation. The Student Orientation program (ASCEND) is a series of events designed to assist students in adjusting to college life. ASCEND consists of large and small group sessions, class registration, recreation, and entertainment, and is intended to be an enjoyable and informative experience. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students combine their efforts to provide a positive experience for all first time students. Students properly oriented to the College have an advantage for success in the classroom, in the residence halls, and in extracurricular activities.

COUNSELING CENTER AND CAREER SERVICES

Williams attempts to help students develop holistically. Students needing assistance with personal problems should consult the Director of Counseling. The College offers a full-time counselor who provides personal and confidential counseling service to students. In addition, other faculty and staff are trained as ministers or counselors. The College has convenient access to local and regional mental health services. All students have access to a comprehensive array of vocational/career services provided through the Counseling Center.

LEARNING CENTER/TUTORING

The Learning Center serves students by providing assistance in improving study and listening skills, memory, and reading. Supplementary instructional materials and individual tutoring are available through the center located in the Sloan Science and Professional Studies Center. Tutoring is also available through the Counseling Center.

The tutors work under the Director of Counseling to provide tutoring in math and English. Assistance in other disciplines may also be requested.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Studies reveal that living on campus positively affects academic performance and overall satisfaction with the college experience. Williams Baptist College therefore encourages all students to live on campus. Accommodations exist for both single and married students and are available to students on a first-come basis. Completed housing applications and security deposits are necessary in order to process applications.

Single students are assigned to Southerland, Shell, Nicholas, Cash, Wilson, or Butler Halls. Trained staff administer a program of residential living to create an environment that is conducive for students' personal development. Educational programs and social opportunities are offered to resident students.

Residence Requirement. All unmarried, full-time students who do not live at home are required to live in the residence halls. Students requesting authorization to commute, must fill out a form available either in the Office of Student Affairs or at registration verifying their residential status. This authorization must be renewed each semester.

In order to commute, students must be at least 23 years of age or older before the last day of classes of the current semester OR meet the following three requirements: 21 years of age or older before the last day of classes of the current semester, have 60 or more hours, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above. Students who fail to comply with this requirement are subject to dismissal from the College.

Residence Halls. Each residence hall has lounge areas and laundry facilities. Nicholas, Southerland and Shell halls are residence halls for women equipped with fully furnished rooms and semi-private baths. Wilson Hall is a residence hall for men equipped with fully furnished rooms and private baths. Cash Hall is another facility for men with semi-private baths. Butler Hall (men’s honor housing) has private rooms with semi-private baths.

Apartments. Unfurnished two-bedroom apartments are available for families. A description of these units is available in the Office of Student Affairs.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Clinic, located in the Mabee Student Center, is staffed by a registered nurse and is available for the following: Health education and information, physician referral, assorted health screenings, and personal consultations. The clinic is open throughout the school year on a part time basis.

In addition, Williams Baptist College is located close to many health providers in Walnut Ridge. In the event of emergencies, resident students who become ill or injured should notify the residence director who will either call 911 or arrange for transport to the Lawrence Health Services emergency room. The College assumes no financial responsibility for hospital, physician, or other medical charges. (All students are required each semester at registration to purchase a mandatory accident insurance policy.) First aid supplies for minor injuries are available in the residence halls, SMC (Southerland-Mabee Center), Student Center, Health Clinic and the Office of Student Affairs. Two Automated External Defibrillators are available on campus. One is located in the SMC; the other in the Southerland Hall lobby.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The foundation of student life at Williams is the spiritual development of each individual. Many formal and informal opportunities exist for Bible study, worship, and other aspects of spiritual growth. Some of these opportunities include:

Campus Ministries. The Campus Ministries organization promotes the spiritual welfare of all students, regardless of their denominational preference. Numerous events, retreats, and mission opportunities are provided.

Chapel. Students are required to attend weekly chapel programs. A variety of presentations with a spiritual emphasis, including lectures, music, and drama, are presented each week.

Eagle Men. Eagle Men is an academic accountability group for male students. This organization encourages young men to resist a passive lifestyle attitude; accept responsibility; lead others with courage; and work for a greater reward that God grants to faithful followers.

Fall Retreat. Campus Ministries sponsors a retreat for all students with the intent of exploring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and partners with talented and respected Christian leaders to carry out this purpose.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. An organization for any student who is interested in spiritual growth and service to Christ.

Moms & More. Moms & More is a ministry designed for females. The purpose of Moms & More is to provide encouragement, support, and opportunities for spiritual growth. Women are invited to monthly luncheons, group outings with children, ladies night out, and prayer groups.

Ministry Team. Representatives of Campus Ministries, FCA, and other campus areas serve to advise, recommend, and implement plans to instill greater spiritual awareness on campus.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A variety of activities and events are provided each year to promote leadership development, to supplement academics, and to develop interpersonal skills. Students take active roles in planning and implementing a diverse program of student events. The Office of Student Affairs oversees the student activities program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Williams believes in the duty and responsibility of each individual to contribute to the needs of the community. To support this ideal, clubs and organizations that wish to be officially recognized by the College participate in some form of community service. Efforts to encourage the objective of service are continuously being reviewed and expanded.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD (SAB)

Students must apply to be on this board. SAB plans campus-wide activities. The board meets regularly to plan and to coordinate events for entertainment and recreation.

CONVOCATIONS AND LECTURESHIPS

Each year, several chapel experiences are designated for special services and recognitions. These include:

Formal Opening. The Formal Opening is on the first Wednesday of the fall semester to signify the beginning of a new year. The address is usually by a faculty member.

Senior Chapel. The last chapel of the spring semester is devoted to recognizing seniors.

Lectureships include:

Mondy-Carroll Lecture. Through the generosity of the late Dr. Nell Mondy, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University, the Department of Natural Sciences sponsors a lectureship/seminar series each year featuring a distinguished scientist.

Jim and Wanda Vaughn Lectureship in the Humanities. This endowed lectureship, funded through the generosity of the Vaughn's, and sponsored by the Division of Arts and Sciences, brings distinguished speakers to the campus that represent excellence in scholarship in the humanities.

FIRST WEEK

The fall semester is initiated by a series of events designed to welcome new and returning students back to the campus. One of the highlights is FirstFair. This event brings in dozens of local businesses and campus-based organizations in a festival-like atmosphere.

SPRING FLING

Spring Fling is a series of events held each April sponsored by the Student Activities Board to celebrate the beginning of spring. The events include many outdoor recreational activities, including a 5-K run.

MISS WBC PAGEANT

The Miss WBC Pageant is held in the spring. Contestants are judged on beauty, poise, and talent. The pageant is directed by the Office of Student Affairs.

HOMECOMING

The homecoming celebration at Williams spans several days in late fall. Alumni, students, faculty, friends and supporters of the College enjoy receptions, basketball games, and the presentation of the Homecoming King and Queen and their court.

RECREATION AND INTRAMURALS

The Mabee Student Center and the Southerland-Mabee Convocation Athletic Center (SMC) provide various forms of recreation and entertainment. The amenities available in the Student Center include: Eagle Coffeehouse & Grill featuring Java Daves coffee, televisions, computers, ATM machine, ping pong tables, and a fitness center. The Student Center can be reserved by student groups for parties and other events. The SMC contains two racquetball courts, an indoor track, in addition to the gymnasium. Various sports are also offered through the intramural program with competitions in softball,

volleyball, ping pong, basketball, and flag football each year. Information about intramurals is available in the Office of Student Affairs.

ATHLETICS

Intercollegiate Sports. Williams holds membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is a member of the American Midwest Conference. Williams sponsors teams in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, women's volleyball, women's softball, and men's soccer.

Intramural Sports. The Intramural program provides competitions in softball, volleyball, ping pong, basketball, and flag football.

Cheerleading. This organization is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Try-outs for the squad are held each spring.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Many organizations provide students with opportunities to enhance their personal, social, and academic development. These include:

Alpha Chi Honor Society - National Honor Society
Alpha Psi Omega - National Theatrical Honor Fraternity
Art Club - Student club for Art majors and minors
Beta Alpha Kappa - Religious Honor Society
Beta Beta Beta - National Biological Honor Society
Campus Ministries - Provides avenues for Christian leadership, fellowship, and missions.
Eagle Men – Men's Accountability Group
Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Christian Athletic Group
Music Educators National Conference - National Music Education Organization
Mu Phi Epsilon – International Music Fraternity
Phi Alpha Theta - International Historical Honor Society
Phi Beta Lambda - Business Club
Pi Lambda Theta - Education Honor Society
Psi Chi - National Honor Society of Psychology
Professional Psychology Club - Promotes leadership in the field of Psychology.
Sigma Beta Delta - Business National Honor Society
Sigma Tau Delta - English International Honor Society
Student Activities Board - Opportunities for student leadership and planning of student activities.
Student Ambassadors - Students who serve as representatives of the student body for various campus functions.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Students who have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service, and leadership are recognized in a variety of ways.

FOUNDER'S AWARD

Founder's Award recipients are selected by the faculty and administration as the best representatives of Williams Baptist College and its esteemed ideals of integrity, leadership, and intellect. Only graduating seniors are eligible. One gentleman and one lady are chosen each year as recipients.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The faculty nominates students for this honor recognizing academic and extracurricular achievement.

ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

Each spring semester, at a formal banquet, the Faculty honors selected students for their conspicuous academic achievements. The event is sponsored by the Academic Dean's office.

HEALTH INFORMATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

After fulfilling admissions requirements, certain prerequisites must be satisfied before being allowed to register for classes.

1. **Immunization records.** Arkansas state law requires every student enrolled in public or private school to be immunized against measles and rubella. A record of immunization must be submitted before registering for classes.
2. **Health form.** A completed form must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs. This information is used in case of a medical emergency, so, it is vital that all the information requested be provided.
3. **Health insurance.** All students are required each semester at registration to purchase a mandatory accident insurance policy.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POLICY

The College reserves the right to restrict campus access and on-campus activities of any student diagnosed as having a contagious disease or virus. Restrictions would be determined by the Dean of Students in consultation with a College-approved physician.

FOOD SERVICES

Fresh Ideas operates the College cafeteria. All resident students are required to purchase each semester one of the five meal plan options offered by Fresh Ideas.

Plan A-19: This plan allows a student to eat in the Sulcer Dining Room for 19 meal periods each week. The 19 Meal Plan is non-transferable.

Plan B-12: This plan allows a student to eat in the Sulcer Dining Room for 12 meal periods each week. This plan includes the award of $125 Flex Dollars per semester and is non-transferable.

Plan C-180: This plan allows a student to eat in the Sulcer Dining Room for 180 meal periods each semester and is designed for students with fluctuating schedules. Meals under the 180 Block Plan can be used in the quantity and schedule that best suits an active lifestyle. In addition, this plan includes the award of $100 Flex Dollars per semester for use in the Sulcer Dining Room or Eagle Coffeehouse & Grill.

Plan D-Unlimited 7 Day ($100 premium charge required): The Unlimited 7 Day Plan allows a student to eat an unlimited number of meals and snacks in the Sulcer Dining Room from Monday-Sunday. The Unlimited 7 Day Plan is non-transferable.

Plan E-Unlimited 5 Day ($100 premium charge required): The Unlimited 5 Day Plan allows a student to eat an unlimited number of meals and snacks in the Sulcer Dining Room from Monday-Friday. This plan, which includes the award of $125 Flex Dollars per semester, is also non-transferable.

Flex Dollars

As an added bonus to a 12 Meal Plan, 180 Meal Block Plan or Unlimited 5 Day Plan, Flex Dollars will be awarded for use at Sulcer Dining Room or the Eagle Coffeehouse & Grill. These dollars *must* be used by the close of each semester.

Meal Plan Periods

Weekly plans begin Monday at breakfast and end on Sunday at brunch. Students who are over their meal limit may pay cash or use their Flex Dollars. All meals provided in the Sulcer Dining Room are all-you-care-to-eat.

Declining Card Balance (DCB) Plan

A DCB prepaid account is also available to all commuter students, faculty and staff. As an added incentive, Fresh Ideas will provide a 10% bonus for advance DCB deposits in excess of $20.

For detailed meal plan information, contact the Office of Student Affairs.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Students may have vehicles on campus if properly registered in the Office of Student Affairs. A parking decal is issued for a fee of $35.00 on an annual basis; bicycles must be registered for a $5 annual fee. Students are assigned to designated parking areas. Parking policies are explained in detail in the on-line Student Handbook.

COLLEGE POLICY

As a Christian institution, the College seeks to provide an environment that best promotes and fosters the holistic development of each student. A student who enrolls at WBC, whether personally committed to Christian ethical and moral values or not, assumes an obligation to conduct him/herself in a manner that is compatible with the College's goals, purposes, and functions and to abide by the policies and guidelines that govern the institution. In addition, Williams Baptist College has the right and responsibility to provide an environment that is conducive to a student's freedom to grow and to learn and to take necessary measures to preserve that environment. To safeguard this freedom, the College defines and delineates a general statement of Standards of Conduct. Violations of the Standards of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary proceedings. For more information regarding College policy, see the current on-line Student Handbook.

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION/WITHDRAWAL

Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior resulting from psychological or emotional difficulties or behavior that poses a potential threat to themselves, others, or property will be referred to the Dean of Students. The Dean, after consultation with the Director of Counseling and other appropriate personnel, may mandate counseling or another form of intervention. In extreme cases, the student may be administratively withdrawn from the College.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Williams Baptist College does not tolerate the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs. It endorses the official position of total abstinence from these substances. Violation of this policy is handled by the Office of Student Affairs according to the disciplinary procedure described in the Student Handbook.

The College seeks to provide education and information about substance use and abuse to each student. Sessions are held in several academic courses and in special programs and events throughout the year.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Williams Baptist College is committed to providing its faculty, staff, and students with an environment free from explicit and implicit sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the well-being of any member of the College community. Sexual harassment by any person is inappropriate and unacceptable. Complete information about sexual harassment, reporting and procedural guidelines is available in the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of the Academic Dean.

DISABILITY POLICY

Williams Baptist College is an independent, non-profit, church related institution which does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of educational services. Although Williams does not provide separate programs for students with disabilities, accommodations for class presentation, evaluation, and access will be determined on a case-by-case basis once the student has disclosed a disability and appropriate documentation supporting the request for the accommodations has been provided to the College. For further information, contact Ms. Aneita Cooper, Director of Counseling at 870-759-4184. All students, regardless of disability, must meet the same admission and graduation requirements.