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Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Pronounced “woo-wee”
What is WUE?

- Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (WICHC)
- Regional tuition-reciprocity agreement
- 150% of in state resident tuition
- Participation of 150 colleges/universities
- Valid for full 2 and 4 year degrees
So In A Nutshell….

WUE = Tuition Reduction!
WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange

- WUE Schools have 3 tuition rates
  - Resident Tuition
  - Non-Resident Tuition
  - WUE Tuition
Resident Tuition

• A student who currently resides in the same state as the university they plan to attend
Non-Resident

- A student who does not currently reside in the same state as they plan to attend
Reciprocity Tuition

- When a state has agreements with neighboring states to provide lower tuition for residents to attend public institutions in those states. Typically, non-resident admission fees and tuition are reduced if you are a reciprocity student.
Residency

- WUE cannot be used if residency is established

- A student may only receive WUE as a resident of their home state
Who is part of WUE?

- New Mexico
- Montana
- Arizona
- Utah
- Oregon
- Colorado
- Wyoming
- Idaho
- Alaska
- Washington
- California
- Nevada
- Hawaii
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
Examples of Savings

*Colorado Mesa University Rates*

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<td>$8,792</td>
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*Colorado State University-Fort Collins Rates*
## Example of Savings

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*University of Nevada Reno Rates*
Applying for WUE

Every institution is different!

- Major specific
- Based on GPA and SAT/ACT scores
- Not automatically awarded
- Limited number of recipients
- Based on family income (FAFSA)
WUE: Western Undergraduate Exchange

For more information…

http://wiche.edu/wue
Loretta Klosterman
Northern California Regional Admissions Counselor
CMU at a Glance

Fast Facts:

• Grand Junction, CO
• 10,662 Students from 46 States and 27 Countries
• 160+ Clubs and Organizations
• 27 NCAA Division II Athletics
• 22:1 Student to Faculty Ratio
Personalized Education

- 100+ Areas of Study
- Experiential Learning
- 1,200+ Students Involved in Research and Internships
- Study Abroad Opportunities
Linda Dannemiller
Senior Coordinator, Regional Admissions & Recruitment (Northern California)
Established: 1874 (Flagship)

*Avg Class Size: 26
Student-Professor Ratio: 20:1

40% diversity: States & Countries: 50 & 80

*Student Body: 22,000 (18,000 undergrad)

*NCAA Division I Athletics
Men’s Sports: 6 Women’s Sports: 10

*7 Residence Halls to Choose From

*300 Clubs & Organizations

*No Impacted programs, students graduating in 4 yrs.

A National Tier I University

*Student Body: 22,000 (18,000 undergrad)
Fall 2016 Admission Profile

New Freshman:
- 3.6 academic GPA (weighted)
- Core Courses:
  - English: 4 years
  - Math: 3 years
  - Natural Science: 3 years
  - Social Science: 3 years
- 24 ACT
- 1120 SAT

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Tuition & Scholarships

**Tuition Reduction Awards:**

Western Undergraduate Exchange - $11,000
- **3.25** Academic CORE GPA
- **1240** SAT or **26** ACT

Nevada Advantage - $8,000
- **3.0** Academic CORE GPA
- **1120** SAT or **22** ACT

**Automatic scholarships:**

provided to incoming freshman depending on gpa and test scores

- National Merit award: $16,000
- *Presidential award: $8,000*
- Silver & Blue award: $2,500
- Pack Pride award: $1,500

*Stackable with WUE and Nevada Advantage

**WUE Tuition:**
$9,657 year (*COA $19,097 yr.)*

**Nevada Advantage Tuition:**
$12,930 year (*COA $22,300 yr.)*

**Out of State Tuition:**
$20,653 year (*COA $33,000 yr.)*

**Room and Board:**
$9,400 year

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Ruth Rodriguez
Assistant Director
Fort Collins—158,000
Large research university
28,000 undergraduate students
62% of classes have <30 students
73 majors and 79 minors
16 Division I sports
17% of students study abroad
86.6% Freshman retention rate
Students are required to live on campus freshman year
16 living and learning communities
Merit Scholarships $6,000-10,000 a year
Ram Pride and traditions
We’re a RAMILY!
Why Go Out of State?

Helping Students Create Out of State Options
Why Go Out of State?

• No impacted majors
• Direct entry into majors
• Affordability
• Internships with out of state companies
• Building awareness of other parts of the country
Creating College Options

- Diverse list of applications
- Visitation programs
- Meet with local college representative
- Attend alumni events for out of state schools
- Demonstrated interest
Resources

- RACC: Regional Admissions Counselors of California (www.regionaladmissions.com)
- Fiske’s Guide to Colleges
- US News and World Report
- Princeton Review
- College Board
Thank you

Any questions?