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**Enrollment down at WSC**

WILLISTON, N.D. Williston State College fall 2020 enrollment reflects a decrease of 16% in head count from the fall of 2019. 959 students are registered for classes in the fall 2020 semester according to census totals released Tuesday, September 22. This is a decrease from the census total of 1132 students in the fall of 2019.

“There is no doubt the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our recruitment efforts and resulting fall enrollment,” commented WSC President Dr. John Miller. “Traditionally, the spring is our primary recruitment season for incoming freshmen and students interested in dual credit coursework, and when regional high schools were closed last spring due to COVID-19, it limited our ability to reach prospective students.”

On-line headcount increased almost 10%, showing an increased interest in virtual courses at WSC. In addition, programs in the Trade and Industry division showed increases in student enrollment, particularly in IT, Business Management, and Transportation.

With the economic strain of the COVID-19 pandemic felt by many families throughout the region, regional scholarships supported through the WSC Foundation play an even more important role in supporting students who want to attend Williston State College. This fall, \$716,000 in regional and endowed scholarships have been awarded to WSC students, in addition to other scholarships and federal financial aid.

Released four weeks after the first day of a new semester, census totals provide a snapshot of enrollment for the fall 2020 semester.

The Williston State College spring 2021 schedule is available and open to enrollment on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information on WSC’s fall enrollment, please contact Dr. John Miller at [john.s.miller@willistonstate.edu](mailto:john.s.miller@willistonstate.edu).

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**PHOTO: Students in Stevens Hall lobby**

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