"Wonderful Wednesday" will be a Marvelous Monday this year

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (April 11, 2016) — It is a "Marvelous Monday" at Milligan College. Classes for traditional undergraduates have been canceled today, April 11, and a variety of social activities, including a professionally-produced fireworks display and hot air balloon rides, have been planned for the college's annual surprise holiday.

This spring holiday for the Milligan community is a college tradition dating back to 1969. Known as "Wonderful Wednesday," the holiday does not always fall on a Wednesday. A veil of secrecy surrounds the exact date and theme of the surprise holiday each year. Activities are planned by Milligan's Campus Activities Board.

This year's theme, "Milligan's Travels," turns Milligan's campus into an international destination.

"This may be the most anticipated day of the school year for our students," said Jason Onks, director of campus activities. "The day is packed with activities, games and special food leading up to a fireworks display at night, and we hope the international theme is a fun way for students to take the mental break they need just before the final push to the end of the semester."

Kicking off this "Marvelous Monday," many events are scheduled throughout the day, weather permitting:

A brunch will be held in the Airport (McCormick Dining Center in Sutton Hall).

At noon, there will be intramural sports in Scotland (Pardee Lawn) and games in Japan (Mary Sword Commons).

In the afternoon, students will be able to take a trip down the Nile River (the day's traditional extra-large slip-n-slide); pick up pizza baked in a mobile wood fire oven in the Italian-themed area; and even a ride in a hot air balloon to catch spectacular 360 degree views of the surrounding area in Morocco (Village).

For dinner, students will enjoy a Hawaiian-themed picnic on the Village lawn.

The wonderful day will wind down with fireworks followed by a relaxing movie on the Gregory Center lawn.

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