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**From Murphy Student Services Center
Allan Scoble - Coordinator, Student Support Services**

It's that time of the year again! Sophomore students who are in their **Entrance to Major** semester need to go into Elion and declare their major. If you need assistance with completing

this process, SSS will be conducting a hands-on ETM workshop in the SSS area on Tuesday, February 4th. Your Change of Major and Change of Assignment (Change of Campus Location if applicable) are typically included in this one process. However, in some instances, if you don't have enough credits completed by the end of the fall semester, 2013, some students may need to do a separate paper Change of Assignment form. The deadline for the ETM is Friday, February 14, 2014. This year we have had brutal winter-like weather with both snow and frigid temperatures. If the weather is bad on a certain day, be sure to check our campus website for delays or cancellations. It's a great idea to sign up for campus text messages on your cell phone if you haven't already done that. You also have the option of checking local TV/radio stations for cancellations before you venture out on potentially dangerous roads.

We have many traditions in February such as Valentine's Day and President's Day. February also signifies Black History Month; which began as "Negro History Week", which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholarly educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976, when every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Black History Month celebrates the contributions of African Americans to American history and culture.

Monday, February 17th, 2014 is President's Day. The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796. By the early nineteenth century, Washington's birthday was a national holiday. Then came Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12th. The first observance of his birthday was in 1865, the year after he was assassinated. Lincoln's birthday did become a legal holiday in several states. In 1968, legislation affected several holidays, and Washington's birthday was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on his actual birthday (the 22nd). This began in 1971, and was designed to simplify the schedule of holidays, and also to provide federal employees with a three day weekend. While the holiday is still officially known as Washington's birthday, it has become known as President's Day, which has made it a day to honor both Washington and Lincoln, as well as others who have served as president.

Stop in SSS periodically to let us know how your semester is progressing. If you are having any academic, social, career or personal needs of any type, please let us know, so we can assist you in your success! ☺

Career Corner

Melody Goodwin
Career Counselor



Baby it's cold outside! If you are looking for a good indoor activity, grab some hot chocolate and log on to MyPlan.com This is a four part career assessment that looks at your personality, interests, skills, and values. It is a great tool for students to explore career/major options and review a list of occupations that match the assessment results. It is strongly recommended that you schedule an appointment with a career counselor to discuss your MyPlan results. Contact me today at mrg22@psu.edu to get the access code so you can create a free account. ☺

Talk to us and with us, in and out of class. We expect you to ask and answer questions. Your voice is a powerful weapon. **3.** We expect all of you to learn the concept of NO FEAR! Fear is not permitted on this campus. Fear is a killer of dreams and a waste of time. In other words, we expect you to learn to believe in yourself and all that you can do. **2.** We expect all of you to have a vision for the future. You must start now to lay the groundwork for the wonderful life that lies ahead for all of you. This is where you pay your dues.

And last, but certainly never least... **1.** We expect all of you to learn and show character because character matters! When you leave this campus at the end of your formal education, and if you have learned that character matters, then we have not failed you and you will never fail yourself.



Top 10 Student Responsibilities



You've been a college student for at least a semester or more and sometimes you might forget just what your instructors are expecting of you. To help keep you on track, here's a helpful reminder.

10. We expect all of you to have an appreciation for where you are because, statistically speaking, you are the exception and not the rule. In other words, you have been afforded the privilege of a Penn State education. Do not take it for granted. **9.** We expect all of you to realize that this is not high school. This is college and more important than that, this is Penn State. We expect all of you to carry yourselves as mature adults on and off of this campus. **8.** We expect all of you to understand that part of being a mature adult is having and showing respect to your fellow students. You are going to encounter diversity on this campus and you must respect the individuality of every student...who they are and their opinions. **7.** We expect all of you to treat the faculty and staff on this campus with respect and courtesy. You are surrounded by extremely dedicated individuals. Treat them with respect. **6.** We expect all of you to learn that showing up in life is half the battle. You must attend class. Attendance is not optional. Attendance is mandatory. **5.** We expect that when you come to class; you will be prepared. You will have done the readings and all homework assignments; you will be prepared to participate. **4.** We know that all of you have mouths and we expect you to use them.

Math Matters

Anson Carter
Instructor in Mathematics



Solve the following:

$$\sin x = \cos x$$

Submit your solution by email (adc15@psu.edu) or in the SSS office (Murphy Center 109). Correct solutions received by February 25th will receive 1 activity point from SSS. ☺

Congratulations!



The following Student Support Services students earned the Dean's List honors for the Fall, 2013 semester:

Aaron Aciukewicz, Amanda Bogert, Matthew Booz-er, Tiara Brathwaite, Robert Cappelloni, Brenda Carrasco-Sickman, Casey Conway, Kylee Cosgrove, Nicholas Dominick, Theodore Frear, Shane Grady, Ceara Hartman, Trevor Hurley, Ryan Kazokas, Tyler Kasokas, Brian Klapat, Michael Lewandowski, Isaura Olivares, Ashley Oliver, Michael Pahler, Joseph Perillo, Brendan Rinehimer, Kathleen Ritter, Sonja Rossi, Joanna Sobek, Michael Tierney, Fatai Williams.

Students must obtain a 3.50 G.P.A. to be included on the Dean's List. ☺

Student Support Services

February 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3	4  Entrance To Major (Sophomores Only) Noon-SSS	5	6	7	8
9	10 FAFSA/Trivia Noon-AC110 	11	12	13 Procrastination Noon-AC110 	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15
16	17 	18  Math Game Show Noon-AC110	19 Job Search Noon-AC110 	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Resume Writing Noon-AC110 	28	
<h2>FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH</h2>						

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Something to think about....



Many times it's easier for students to attend SSS workshops in the early part of the semester, rather than letting them go to the last minute. Things in general become much more hectic in the last weeks of the semester. By attending early, some of the pressure is removed at the end when papers, tests, & finals all become due. ☺

Activities & Events



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| Feb 4 | Entrance to Major
Noon-Murphy Ctr. |
| Feb 10 | FAFSA-TRIVIA
Noon-AC110 |
| Feb 13 | Procrastination
Noon-AC110 |
| Feb 18 | Math Game Show
Noon-AC110 |
| Feb 19 | Job Search
Noon-AC110 |
| Feb 27 | Resume Writing
Noon-AC110 |



Grammar Tips Marilyn Olenick English Tutor



ESOL Resources:

ESOL Resources for English grammar and punctuation are available and free at The OWL at Purdue University's Online Writing Lab! Simply type "OWL," into your browser, and Purdue's site will be the first option listed. Click on "site map" in the upper left hand corner of the webpage, and scroll down for exercises on verb tenses, articles, pronouns, sentence structure, mechanics, and style, as well as format guides for APA and MLA. ☺

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