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

It doesn't seem possible but the end of the academic year is fast approaching. (and hopefully spring-like

weather!)

The last day of classes is Friday, May 2nd. The late drop deadline is Friday, April 11th. It always makes good sense to speak with your academic advisor before late dropping a class. Always make sure you know where you stand with your grade by communicating with your faculty member. There may be ramifications regarding financial aid. If you have questions about your aid status, please touch base with Stacey Zelinka, our Financial Aid Coordinator. **The last day to withdraw from all of your classes if you feel you are going to receive mostly failing grades is Friday, May 2nd.** Before making this decision, be sure to speak with your academic advisor about the implications of doing so.

Final Exams week runs from May 5th to May 9th, with Friday being a make-up day. **Commencement on our campus will be on Saturday, May 10th, 2014.**

There is still time for SSS students who are participating in the Book Resource program to complete their 3 minimum workshops. We have **Transitioning To University Park,, Grad School 102, and Finals Prep** workshops happening in the month of April. Remember to bring in your contributions for the **White Elephant Sale**, which will be held in the Student Commons **on Tuesday April 15th**. The proceeds of this fundraiser go to helping new freshman students purchase textbooks.

Please plan to attend our **2013 SSS Year End Banquet on Tuesday evening, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m.** at The Appletree Terrace in Dallas, PA. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Kristen Durso, who is a faculty member in the English department at Penn State Worthington-Scranton. She also previously taught English at our campus. In addition, she is a PSU-WB graduate and was a very active member in our SSS program.

It is that time of the year when you need to contact your academic advisor to set up a meeting to schedule classes for the fall semester. By checking your degree audit you can find out your first eligible date to schedule classes. The earlier you schedule, the better likelihood you will have to obtain the schedule of courses you both want and need. **Keep working hard and finish your semester successfully!** ☺

Career Corner

Melody Goodwin
Career Counselor

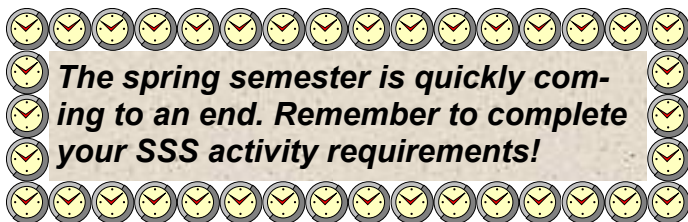


Interviewing season is here! According to employers, one of the biggest mistakes job candidates make during the interviewing process is not having done sufficient research about the company/job prior to the interview.

There are several excellent websites to aid in your research: **hoovers.com**, **vault.com**, **wetfeet.com** and **glassdoor.com**. If you'd like help navigating these sites, please let me know. Penn State University has established accounts with some of these valuable websites which allows students full access for free!

Another vital component of successfully preparing for an interview for a job or internship is to participate in a mock interview. This structured practice interview will help build your confidence for the real thing as you gain experience with answering typical interview questions. **Schedule a mock interview by emailing me at mrg22@psu.edu or calling (570) 675-9297.**

Students may also use Penn State Wilkes-Barre's technology, **Interview Stream**. This program allows students to record a mock interview any time that is convenient for you and receive feedback on your interview from a career counselor. All you will need is access to a webcam and the internet. Go to **<http://wb.psu.interviewstream.com/>** to register and record your interview. You may choose from over 2,000 interview questions and record as many practice interviews. Happy interviewing!



The spring semester is quickly coming to an end. Remember to complete your SSS activity requirements!

Reminder: 15th Annual White Elephant Sale will be held on Tuesday, April 15th.



It is that time!! Our one and only fund raiser to benefit our freshman students is through the **Legacy Award** (gift certificates to the bookstore). Prior winners include Ted Frear, Aaron Holton, Nick Oldziejewski and Vanessa Robbins! **PLEASE PLEASE** help support this event. We are in need of gift cards/items and help with the selling of raffles. Let's pay it forward and help the new incoming students. If you know of a business (especially your employer) or someone who would donate an item for us to auction off, please pick up a letter from Pat. Any and all students are welcome to help with this event. I would like to thank Tyler Floryan who is helping coordinate this event, as well as Ian Robinson, Dalton Tomko, Sonja Rossi, and any other students who have stepped up to solicit items. Any questions, please contact us. Thank you for supporting this event as we support you throughout your college career!

Prizes will be displayed in the Student Commons at 10:30 and the drawing for prizes will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see everyone in the Commons on April 15th! ☺

Math Matters

Anson Carter
Instructor in Mathematics



How many six character license plates can be made if the first three must be letters and the last three must be numbers?

Submit your solution by email (adc15@psu.edu) or in the SSS office (Murphy Center 109). Correct solutions received by April 25th will receive credit for one workshop. ☺

Student Support Services

April 2014

"OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR SUCCESS."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Transitioning to U-Park Noon-AC110 	10	11 Late Drop Deadline 	12
13	14	15  White Elephant Sale Noon-Hickory Court Cafe	16	17  Applying to Graduate School Noon-AC110	18	19
20 	21	22	23  Finals Prep Noon-AC110	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
<p>Mark Your Calendars! SSS Year End Celebration April 29th-6:00 PM Invitations will be sent via email</p>						

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Grammar Tips

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English Tutor

Reminders on Using Possessives

When plural nouns end in the letter "s," forming the possessive is easy: an apostrophe is simply added at the end of the word.

Ex: Teachers are happy for all of their students' successes.
The flowers' colors mingle well together.

However, many plurals are irregular and do not end in the letter "s," (such as women, men, deer, mice, phenomena). For irregular plurals, the possessive form is indicated the same way it is for singular nouns.

Ex: Men's and women's sweatshirts are all on sale.
The phenomena's impacts were widespread.



MAY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Classes End	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11 Mother's Day 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31

Final Exams

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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