

All About Advising

February Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for all your efforts last month in meeting the students' last minute needs to get registered for classes. We no more get the spring semester started and we have to begin preparing for next fall.

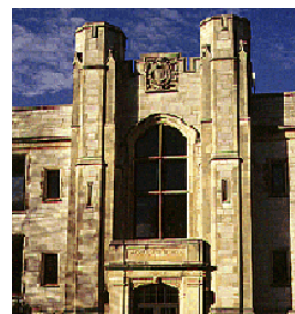
This month, we will begin recruiting for new peer mentors. We want you to be included in the selection process. Therefore, I have attached a copy of the Peer Mentor Application to this newsletter. Feel free to recruit any student that you feel would make a good mentor and have the following qualifications:

- ✦ Good communication and interpersonal skills
- ✦ Positive attitude
- ✦ Willing to work in a group setting
- ✦ Cultural sensitivity
- ✦ One year of experience on the UA-Fayetteville campus (by beginning of fall 2009)
- ✦ Be in good academic standing
- ✦ Willing to commit 3-5 hours a week

We will accept applications through March 2nd. Interviews will be conducted from March 9th – 13th. The selected mentors will participate in a spring training event scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009. Mentors will receive a \$500 scholarship per semester.

I believe this program helps the students with mentors, as well as the students who become mentors. It helps them connect to the college which hopefully will help them persist to graduation. If you or your students have questions about the program, please contact me.

Also, you will find the list of graduates from fall 2008 in this newsletter. We approved 47 students and only denied 14. Thanks to your assistance, I was able to meet the final deadline four days early!



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Graduation Applications

The priority date for Spring 2009 graduation application is February 20th. Students need to fill out information cards in the Dean's Office before taking the application card & \$25 graduation fee to the Registrar's Office.

Students graduating in Summer or Fall 2009 who wish to walk in May will need to apply by this deadline as well. This deadline is important to ensure names can be listed in the University and College Commencement programs.

Early Progress Grades

Early Progress Grade rosters will be available on the web February 16th. Instructors will be sent notification to their university email addresses along with instructions on how to access the web site.

The deadline for Early Progress Grades to be completed is noon on February 20th. Students enrolled in 1000 and 2000 level courses will be sent an e-mail to their University e-mail accounts on February 25th.

Advanced Composition Exam

The Spring 2009 Advanced Composition Exam will be February 11th at 6:00pm. The deadline for students to sign up for this test has passed. The offering of the next test is June 3rd. The deadline for students to register is May 21st.

Note that students are prompted to sign up for the Advanced Composition Exam on ISIS, in their "To Do" Student Center. Contact Testing Services at testsvc@uark.edu or at 575-3948 for more information.

Congratulations to the AFLS graduating class of Fall 2008!

AECTBS

Catherine D Glaze

AGBSBS

Brett W Ausley
Reece Baker Bailey
James R. Broglen
Matthew Gilbert Hughes
Amalie Kennedy
Joseph Scott Lacy
Barrett Michael Little
Zach Dustin Parish
Seth Scott Speight
Steven Warhurst

ANSCBS

Meagan N. Harney
Christopher Thomas Allen

Allison Lynn Ausley
Emily Howland
Rachelle Marie Roberts
Rachel E Squires
Ashley Nicole Young

APSTBS

Cassandra Marie Dreyer
Michael Aaron Hawkins
Andrea Marie Jacobs
Lucy Lee
Matthew Robb Mayes
Rebecca Evelyn Trover
Wendy M. Western

CPMGBS

Clint Richard Roth

ESWSBS

Kyle Asfahl
Clark Baker
Joe Aaron Denton

FHNHBS

Ruth Marion Curtner
Sarah Elizabeth Dupre
Kyohei Hiyama
Mariko Okawa

HDFSBS

Shannon Lee Daniel
Heather S Davis
Robert Gerald Hopper
Lindsay Megan Kolp
Laura Elizabeth Scanlon
Angela Nicole Wright

HESCBS

Melissa A Little

HLTSBS

Barbara Ellen Bethel
Ernest Mitchell
Andrew Ronald Swayne

IDESBD

Philip Thomas Vanderford

POSCBS

Betsy Ann Conner
Brian Harvey
John M Stark

NACADA Spring 2009 Webcasts

In an effort to provide academic advising professional development activities where travel expenses are not incurred, NACADA has announced its Spring 2009 Webcast Schedule.

February 27, 2009 — Webinar: **DIFS Makes the Difference in Student Motivation: Both Skill and Will are Needed for Student Success**

Ken Kiewra, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

In this Webinar broadcast, Ken will discuss:

- **The SOAR learning system**
- **The DIFS motivational system**
- **Inside and outside desire**
- **Goal statement**
- **Planning for success**
- **Focusing effort**
- **Countering obstacles**
- **Sustaining effort**

Participants will learn how to:

- **Raise personal motivation**
- **Motivate others**

Registration deadline for this Webcast is February 17th. To register or to learn more, visit this link:

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Webinars/W23.htm>

February Academic Enhancement Program Workshops

The Academic Enhancement Program will offer the following workshops:

- **Feb 5th** — **Time Management & Study Skills**
- **Feb 17th** — **How To Be Successful In College**
- **Feb 26th** — **Conquering Test Anxiety**

All workshops will be held from 12:30pm to 1:20pm in the HOEC 106 classroom. As always, John Kelly, Ph.D., L.A.C., is available to assist students at any time. For more information, please contact Dr. Kelly at 575-5716 or by e-mail at jkelly@uark.edu.



Dates to Remember



- **February 5th** — AEP Workshop “**Managing your Personal & Study Time**”
- **February 11th** — Advanced Composition Exam
- **February 13th** — Last day to drop a 1st 8-week course with a “W”
- **February 15th** — Deadline for AFLS Scholarship Applications
- **February 16th** — Early progress grade rosters available on the web
- **February 17th** — AEP Workshop “**How to be Successful in College**”
- **February 20th** — Priority Application Deadline for Spring 2009 Graduation
- **February 20th** — Early Grade Rosters Due
- **February 25th** — Early Progress Grades E-mailed for 1000 & 2000 level classes
- **February 26th** — AEP Workshop “**Conquering Test Anxiety**”

A Student's degree program requirements are normally those specified in the catalog for the student's first year of enrollment.

However,

Did you know...

...that students may choose to meet the program requirements specified in a catalog for a later year?

Students who are not enrolled for a period of two years or longer may be required to re-enter under program requirements in the current catalog.

For more information, see page 42 of the Catalog of Studies.

Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food & Life Sciences
Peer Mentor
Application Form

Name ID#

Current Address Home/Cell Phone Number

City State Zip

E-mail Address Class (FR, SO, JR, SR) Major/Minor

Number of Semesters at UA Expected Date of Graduation

Other colleges/universities attended:

Name of Institution From (yr) To (yr) Degree

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Describe the characteristics that you have which will make you a good peer mentor?

What clubs/organizations have you been involved in on campus?

Why do you want to be a peer mentor?

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Send completed application no later
than March 2, 2009 to:
Alice Griffin
Bumpers College Dean's Office
AFLS E108
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