

All About Advising

March Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

The application period for Peer Mentors continues through March 2nd. Please encourage students to apply. We have attached the application or they can apply online through:

http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/peer_application.php

Early Progress Grades are now available. I encourage you to review your freshmen's grades to identify students that may be struggling. As always, Dr. Kelly is available to meet with students. In addition, I will review the Registrar's list that identifies students at risk and will forward that list to you individually.

As you prepare this month for priority registration, I will be requesting transcripts from the Registrar's Office. This semester, I am going to request a new report. In the past, the long advising report was sent to you. Unfortunately, those reports create a lot of confusion. ISIS now can produce a "State Minimum Core" report. This report includes a transcript, a residency report, a "D" grade report, and a report that identifies the students' progress on the state minimum core. I think this format will be more helpful to you than the long report. And, it is certainly less confusing. Feel free to contact with feedback.

Mark your calendars now! The *Advising Information Session* has been scheduled for **Friday, March 6, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** in AFLS E107-Hembree Auditorium. Unfortunately, the month of May is overshadowed with Commencement and end of contracts. So, the AFLS Advising Committee recommended that we provide the workshop prior to you advising in the spring. (There are only a few faculty members that have scheduled teaching conflicts at this time. Please contact me after the meeting and I will be glad to review the information with you independently.) This spring we are going to review some of the academic policies that have traditionally been troublesome for advisors. Also, we are going to review the advisor learning outcomes that were developed by the Academic Advising Council. I look forward to seeing you!!

Cheers!
Alice



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Priority Registration Schedule for Summer & Fall 2009

For more information visit <http://www.uark.edu/registrar/classes/SummerFallPriorityRegistration.html>.

<p>March 30th 6:00am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Seniors & CEA Students*</p> <p><small>* Center for Educational Access</small></p>	<p>March 31st 6:00am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Seniors</p>	<p>April 1st 6:00am - 7:00am</p> <p>Seniors</p> <p>7:00 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Undergrad Priority Students</p>	<p>April 2nd 6:00am - 8:30am</p> <p>Undergrad Priority Students</p> <p>8:30am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Grad Students</p>	<p>April 3rd 6:00am to 4:00pm</p> <p>Grad Students</p>
<p>April 6th 6:00am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Juniors</p>	<p>April 7th 6:00am - 8:00am</p> <p>Juniors</p> <p>8:00am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Sophomores</p>	<p>April 8th 6:00am - 9:30am</p> <p>Sophomores</p> <p>9:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Freshmen**</p> <p><small>** Includes Non-Degree Provisional Freshmen Admits</small></p>	<p>April 9th 6:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Freshmen**</p> <p>12:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Non-Degree & Readmitted Students</p>	<p>April 10th 6:00am - 4:00pm</p> <p>Law Students</p>

March Academic Enhancement Program

The Academic Enhancement Program will offer the following workshops:

- **March 10th** — **Learning to Deal with Stress**
- **March 31st** — **Rapid Guide to Job Hunting**

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.

Graduation Applications & Regalia

It's not too late to apply for graduation! Just because a student missed the priority deadline to apply, does not mean that it is too late. Students can still apply and participate in the Spring Commencement Ceremony, and we will do our best to have their names included in the programs.

The next opportunity for students to pick up regalia will be May 5th - 8th at the UA bookstore. Regalia will be available for pickup between 9am and 4pm Tuesday - Friday and between 7:45 am and 4:00pm on Saturday, May 9th (the day of Commencement). For more information please visit the following link:

<http://www.uark.edu/home/commencement.php>



2009 ArkAAN Annual Conference

This year's ArkAAN annual conference will be held on April 17th at Arkansas State University at Mountain Home campus in Mountain Home, AR. Dr. Charlie Nutt, Executive Director of NACADA will be the keynote speaker. He will be speaking on advising through tough times. Charlotte Strickland of Strictly Speaking and UCA Education Seminar Coordinator will also be a featured speaker.

To register, fill out the *ArkAAN Spring Conference Registration* form attached with this newsletter. There is a \$60 registration fee (which includes annual membership and two meals). The registration fee is due on or before April 3, 2009. Any institution that has 3 or more members registering will receive a \$10 per person discount on registration! Registration will begin at 8am.

Check out www.enjoymountainhome.com for information on Mountain Home and www.nacada.ksu.edu/ARKAAN for session proposal forms and award nomination forms. Requests for electronic copies of forms may also be sent to Kelsey Smyth, VP of Communications at ksmyth@uca.edu.

Additional Priority Registration Information

Students will be assigned a specific registration appointment time within their registration day. Once the students' appointment time has begun, they will have access to register any time the system is available until August 28, 2009. Prior to the designated time, students will not be able to register even on their appointment day.

Dates to Remember



- March 3rd — 1st 8-Weeks Classes End
- March 4th — 2nd 8-Weeks Classes Begin
- March 6th — Last Day to Add a 2nd 8-Weeks Course
- March 10th — Last Day to Drop a 2nd 8-Weeks Course without a "W"
- March 10th — AEP Workshop "**Learning to Deal with Stress**"
- March 16th - 20th — Spring Break (Academic Break - Administrative Offices Open the 16th - 19th but Closed the 20th)
- March 27 — Last Day to Drop a Full Semester Course with a "W"
- March 30th - April 7th — Priority Registration for Summer & Fall 2009
- March 31st — AEP Workshop "**Rapid Guide to Job Hunting**"

Did you know...

that there is a web page with links to several items to help students with using ISIS?

The ISIS training page has links to various tutorials and brochures to help with using ISIS. This page is located at:

<http://www.uark.edu/admin/isisdir/pages/training.htm>

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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