

All About Advising

February Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

This past fall, the Retention Task Force researched different mentoring models across the country. In early December, we met with representatives from each of the college departments to develop a proposal, which was presented to Dr. Weidemann and Dr. Graham. They were very supportive and approved us to implement a Peer Mentoring Program for Bumpers College.

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 2008)
- Be in good academic standing
- Willing to commit 3-5 hours a week

We will accept applications through March 3rd. Interviews will be conducted from March 10 – 14th. The Retention Task Force will approve the final selection list before an offer is made to the students. The selected mentors must be able to participate in a spring training event scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2008. Mentors will receive a \$500 scholarship per semester.

I believe this program will help students connect to the college which will help them persist to graduation. In next month's newsletter, I will share with you the details about the student participants (or mentees) in the peer mentoring program. Stay tuned!

Alice



Bumpers College

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Early Progress Grades

Early Progress Grade rosters will be available on the web February 18th. Instructors will be sent notification to their university email addresses along with instructions on how to access the web site.

Early Progress Grades will be due to the Registrar's office by noon on February 25th and will be e-mailed to student's university accounts on February 27th. Early progress grades only include full semester 1000 and 2000-level courses.

Graduation Applications

The priority date for Spring 2008 graduation application is February 22nd. Students need to fill out information cards in the Dean's Office before taking the application card and \$25 graduation fee to the Registrar's Office (Hunt Hall 146).

Students graduating in Summer or Fall 2008 who wish to walk in May will need to apply by this deadline as well. The deadline is important to ensure names can be listed in the University and College Commencement programs.

Advanced Composition Exam

The Spring 2008 Advanced Composition Exam will be February 13th at 6:00pm. The deadline for students to sign up for this test has passed; however, the next offering of the test is June 4th, 2008. The deadline for students to register is May 21st, 2008. Students are prompted to sign up for the Advanced Composition Exam on ISIS, in their "To Do" Student Center. Contact the Testing Services center with questions at testsvc@uark.edu or at 575-3948.

February AEP Workshops

The Academic Enhancement Program workshops scheduled for this month are:

- Tues, Feb 12 - How to be Successful in College
- Tues, Feb 28 - Overcoming Test Anxiety

Both workshops will be held in the HOEC 106 classroom from 12:30-1:20pm.

As always, John Kelly, Ph.D., L.A.C., is available to assist students at any time. For more information, please contact Dr. Kelly in the CSES department by email at jkelly@uark.edu or 575-5716.



Black History Month Events

The University is celebrating Black History Month with several events in the upcoming weeks. Art exhibits, plays, programs, inspirational singers and many more activities are planned. For the calendar of events, visit [http://multicultural.uark.edu/images/Black_History_Month_Calendar\(1\).pdf](http://multicultural.uark.edu/images/Black_History_Month_Calendar(1).pdf).

Dates to Remember



- **February 1-29**— Black History Month Events
- **February 15**— Deadline for AFLS Scholarship Applications
- **February 15**— Last day to drop a 1st 8-week course with a W
- **February 18**— Early progress grade rosters available on the web
- **February 22**— Degree Application priority date for Spring 2007
- **February 27**— Early Progress Grades e-mailed for 1000 and 2000 level classes

2008 ArkaAN Spring Conference

The 2008 ArkaAN Conference will be held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Dr. Joseph Cuseo, Associate Professor in Psychology at Marymount College, will be the keynote speaker, and Dr. Sally Roden, Dean of Undergraduate Studies at University of Central Arkansas, will be the plenary speaker. See registration form attached to this newsletter.

2008 NACADA Regional Conference

The upcoming NACADA Regional Conference will be held March 3-5, 2008 in Branson, Missouri, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center (www.chateauonthelake.com). "Setting the stage for Student Success: Academic Advising in the Spotlight" is the theme.

This exciting professional development opportunity features 6 pre-conference workshops, 42 concurrent sessions, a poster session highlighting academic advising research, programs and networking with your peers across 6 states.

The conference early registration fee is \$115 (until February 10th) for NACADA members. Online registration can be found at :

www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region7.confindex.htm.

Career Development Center Events

The Career Development Center is hosting several events this semester to prepare students for the workforce.

- "From Bookbags to Briefcases: Professional Etiquette Training for Minority Students" February 20th—6:00-7:30pm at ARKU 4th Floor Theatre
- "Dine and Shine: Professional Dining Etiquette" Monday, February 25th— 5:00-8:00pm at Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni Auditorium
- "Applying to Graduate or Professional School Seminar" Tuesday, February 26th— 3:00-5:00pm at ARKU Multicultural Center

Did you know...

a student's degree program requirements are normally those specified in the catalog for the student's first year of enrollment? However, 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 reenter under program requirements in the current catalog.

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

ArkAAN Spring Conference Registration

Friday, February 29, 2008

Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Registration fee is \$60 due on or before February 15, 2008.
Registration includes annual membership and two meals.

Name: _____
(as it will appear on name tag)

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

\$60 Registration fee is included Check # _____

\$60 Registration fee will be mailed PO # _____

I regret that I cannot attend the conference, but I am enclosing my annual membership fee of \$30.

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