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January 2016



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Student Support Services

Welcome Back To the Winter Semester!!

Welcome back to the winter 2016 semester! We are excited to have you back this semester ready for another fun and exciting semester here at Siena Heights.

There have been a lot of changes in the SSS Program in the fall semester. As you know, several new people joined the SSS Staff (Robert Detwiler-Director, Patricia Gray-Coordinator, Leslie Smith-Admin. Assistant). And of course, Laura Lyall is still here too! We wanted to let you know that Leslie is now back working with the Nursing Program to help them get through some personnel changes; she missed you all so much already!

For the winter semester and beyond, this is who the staff will be working with...we will be emailing you soon to set up regular meeting appointments.

- Laura: Freshmen
- Patricia: FTSP Freshmen and all Sophomores
- Robert: All Juniors and Seniors

We are excited to start meeting with you on a regular basis starting out here in January! Please ask for help early and often so we can assist you!

--*Student Support Services*



Student Support Services is a federally funded TRiO program which helps low-income and first generation college students and individuals with disabilities graduate from college. Services include assistance with securing financial aid, personal, academic, and career counseling, academic instruction, assistance with transition to four-year programs from two-year institutions, assistance with applying to graduate school and professional programs, and activities designed especially in regards to student success.

WINTER 2016

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Adrian Campus Undergraduate

JANUARY

- 11 Classes begin
- 16 Last day to add or drop classes / change letter graded courses to credit/no credit
- 18 No classes, University closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MARCH

- 7-13 No classes, Winter Break
- 14 Mid-Semester grades/course evaluations complete
- 14-18 Advising only
- 21 Last day to withdraw from classes
- 21-23 Advising and web registration by class standing
- 24-27 Easter Vacation begins after last class Wednesday evening

APRIL

- 29 Honors Convocation 2 p.m., St. Dominic Chapel;
Faculty, staff and students in attendance;
Torch Night, 8 p.m., St. Dominic Chapel

MAY

- 2-6 FINAL EXAMINATIONS—For specific times, days and dates, see the Final Examination Schedule
- 7 CPS Commencement, Fieldhouse
- 8 CAS Commencement, Fieldhouse
- 9 Grades due on-line by 11 p.m.
- 9-13 Post Commencement Activities

JUNE

- 15 Application for August graduation due





DATES TO KNOW:

Jan. 15th

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MAY GRADUATION.

Jan. 18th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: University Closed! No Classes!

Feb. 1st

MENTOR APPLICATIONS DUE by 4pm to Patricia Gray in SHH 302c!

Feb. 17th

Career Services – Speed Interviewing. Contact Melissa Growden at mgrowden@sienaheights.edu for more information.
Designed for Juniors and Seniors.

Feb. 24th

McNair Research Symposium in Rueckert Auditorium, with research presentations starting at 4pm. Check out your friends as they unveil the culmination of their McNair projects! Posters are shown at 3pm.



Flu season is here!

Don't get caught with a cold! Wash your hands and cover your mouth. Keep your eye out for flu shot time!



TEN REASONS WHY YOUR GPA MATTERS

How a low-earning GPA can really mess up your future.

1. Many major degree programs require participants to have a certain grade point. If you don't have the grades, it is unlikely you'll get through the program.
2. If you earn a 2.5 or lower, you run the risk of being put on academic probation. This means that if you don't pull up your grades, you could be academically suspended from the university!
3. The first thing that employers see on your application (and your resume) is your GPA. What kinds of assumptions might they make if you've earned less than a 2.5?
4. Likewise, on campus jobs might be easier to come by if you've got the GPA and the academic standing to prove that you're competent, purposeful, and ethical in all that you do!
5. It's easy to fall down; not so easy to rise up. You can go from a 3.5 to a 2.5 in one semester. It will be much harder to get back up to that 3.5 later. Trust me!
6. Considering transferring? Well, I hate to break it to you, but not many schools are going to be willing to take a 2.0 (or less) first-time student, much less a *transfer* student. If you don't make the grades, you probably won't get accepted to your transfer-school-of-choice.
7. Seriously, though: how many times do you want to retake that English 102 course? It's not like wine; it doesn't get better with Time. Maintain your GPA so you don't have to retake courses.
8. Need Federal Assistance to pay for school? You'll need a good GPA to show the government that you're worth *their* money. Low-earning grades are unlikely to receive as much assistance.
9. Play sports? If you don't maintain a certain GPA, you're unlikely to get to play. So, what's more important to you: sitting the bench, or putting in more effort in your academics? Make that decision before it makes you.
10. Let's face it: a letter from the school saying you're on the Dean's List makes one heck-of-a gift for a softy like mom. Or dad. Or grandma. Even us in SSS! We're all rooting for you, and we all want to see you succeed. Prove to us you can! Prove to yourself that you can! It's all on you. ☺