Greetings from Erin

The spring semester is in full swing! Hopefully you are taking advantage of this semester and aiming to make it the best one yet. As you may recall I put forth a challenge last month for you to pay forward good will that comes your way this year. I encourage you to keep up with this challenge and to encourage your friends to do the same. Spring Break is right around the corner and would provide a wonderful opportunity to give something back to your community. Now is a great time to start planning! I wish you continued success this semester.

Thanks and Gig ‘em!
Erin Fisk
Regents’ Scholars Assistant Coordinator

Important Dates

Feb. 16
Aggieland Saturday

Feb. 18-20, 22
FAFSA/TASFA Renewal Workshops

Feb. 22
Deadline to renew or cancel on-campus housing for 2013-2014 academic year

Feb. 25
“Money Talks” Informational for Study Abroad Programs

RSO Spring Events

Feb. 10
RSO Field Day, 1-5pm, Penberthy Fields

Feb. 15
GLOW 5K, 9-11pm Rudder Fountain

Feb. 16
Aggieland Saturday 7:30am-3pm, TAMU campus

Housing Decision 2013

If you are currently living on campus, you need to participate in Housing Decision 2013. Go to http://reslife.tamu.edu to complete your renewal or cancellation no later than February 22nd. Talk to your resident advisor or the Housing Assignments Office (979)845-4744 for more information.

Peer Academic Service – New Name, New Services

Formerly known as the Student Learning Center, Peer Academic Services (PAS) provides academic support free of charge to all Texas A&M students. It offers Supplemental Instruction (SI), tutoring, transfer student services, and Independent Study Labs for developmental education students. PAS also provides training for SI leaders, tutors, and peer mentors.

PAS is located in room 200 of the YMCA building. Students are encouraged to utilize the PAS website, located at http://slc.tamu.edu, to stay informed of events and sign up for workshops, tutoring, and other services.

Career Center Spotlight: Career Center Library

Did you know that the Career Center has a library? The Career Center Library offers a number of free services and resources, including career exploration and research assistance, computer lab, employer/recruiter information, and a number of career journals and reference books.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00am-6:00pm during the fall and spring semesters. Summer hours are 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

For additional information, please visit http://careercenter.tamu.edu

Become a Regents’ Scholars Orientation Counselor for the Class of 2017!

Great way to Pay it Forward!

Applications may be submitted to Casey Gros in-person to room 222 of the Pavilion or via email at casey_gros@tamu.edu. Applications must be submitted no later than February 8th.

Questions may be directed to either mng495@tamu.edu or marlencornejo@tamu.edu.

Scan here for the application!
FAFSA/ TASFA Renewal Workshops

In order to continue receiving financial aid, including the Regents’ Scholarship, during the 2013-2014 academic year, students must complete the Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA becomes available on January 1, 2013. The Scholarships & Financial Aid Office encourages students to submit the FAFSA form by March 1, 2013 to receive priority in awarding. To expedite the process, students are encouraged to file their tax returns as early as possible.

In order to complete the FAFSA, students will need:

- Student and parent social security numbers
- W-2 Forms & any other records of money earned for both the student and parents
- Student’s 2012 federal income tax return
- Parents’ 2012 federal income tax return
- If filing electronically, PIN for both the student and the parents

In order to expedite this process for the student, Scholarships & Financial Aid will be hosting several Renewal FAFSA/TASFA workshops for Regents’ Scholars during the spring semester. Students are encouraged to attend these workshops if they need assistance filing their FAFSA. These events are scheduled for:

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Registration is required. To register, students should visit https://sfaid.tamu.edu/workshops/Workshop.aspx?View=Students


Career Center Workshops

Feb. 5th
How to Impress Company Recruiters (5:15pm in MSC 2406)

Feb. 7th
Sports Industry Career Panel (5:30pm in MSC 1400)
Federal Hiring Process (4:00pm in MSC 2500)

Feb. 18th
Undecided: Choosing a Major and Career (5:15pm in MSC 2401)

Feb. 21st
Federal Jobs – Finding and Applying for Internships (4:00pm in MSC 2500)

Feb. 25th
Education Career Panel (5:30pm in Koldus 110)

Feb. 28th
Environmental Career Panel (5:00pm in Rudder 601)

Other opportunities are also available on the Career Center website: http://careercenter.tamu.edu
Timeline for Landing a Summer Job or Internship
by Peter Vogt

Want to land an extraordinary summer job? College career counselors have some blunt advice for you: Get going. Now.

“I emphasize with job searchers that it takes three to five months to find a summer job,” says Andrea Dine, associate director of the Career Development Center at Macalester College.

Becky Hall, Central Career Development Coordinator at the University of Minnesota and a consultant with the university’s Health Careers Center, conurs: “There are a lot of career fairs happening on campuses right now. If students don’t get on the ball, they’ll miss out on a lot of good opportunities.

A methodical approach will boost your odds of success, Dine says. By planning now, you won’t have to settle for “just a job” or suffer through a last-minute summer job search. Use this timeline as your guide:

February & March

• Determine the type of summer employment or internship you want. Develop a list of criteria, including:
  - Where you want or need to get a job/internship
  - How much money you’d like to make
  - Key skills to build upon
  - Areas of interest and/or organizations to explore
• Assess your current skill set, either by yourself or with a counselor at the TAMU Career Center, to determine which key skills an employer might need this summer
• With guidance from the Career Center, develop a basic resume and cover letter to apply for summer positions
• Begin looking for specific job opportunities using online resources, city-specific resources, or friends/family/professionals who can direct you toward job opportunities

April

• Continue looking for job opportunities
• Start applying for jobs, being sure to follow the employer’s directions. Some companies require a resume and cover letter. Others want you to fill out a company application.
• Ask professors, previous coworkers and supervisors, and other who know you professionally if they will service as references. If possible, have each person write you a one-page letter of recommendation to give to prospective employers.
• Follow-up with companies you’ve applied to. Make sure your materials have been received and that each company has everything it needs to consider you.
• If possible, schedule interviews with companies of interest.
• Start researching housing options for the summer, if applicable.

May

• Practice answering summer job interview questions, either with a friend or a Career Center counselor. Research companies and jobs before the interview.
• Finalize summer living arrangements.
• Schedule job interviews.
• Go on job interviews, be on time, and follow up with thank-you notes.
• If the right job is offered, accept it.
• If you don’t have a solid line on a job, get some help from the Career Center –preferable before the spring semester ends if your summer plans will take you away from campus. You can also step up your networking efforts. Ask you parents, friends, professors, and others if they know of available summer jobs.

June

• Show up for your first day on time and prepared.
• Talk to your new supervisor about the skills you’d like to further develop.
• Go beyond the minimum to make a good, lasting impression on your supervisor and coworkers.


WORDS OF WISDOM

“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.

- Christopher Reeve
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