MEDIA & RESERVES

As college students, finding inexpensive entertainment options is a must. Many students rent movies to fill their leisure time on the weekends. Did you know that you can borrow movies from the Media & Reserves Department on the 4th floor of the Annex Library? They offer a wide variety of popular, as well as educational DVDs, a list of which can be found on their website at: http://library.tamu.edu/services/media-reserves.

They also have language learning software, like Rosetta Stone, available to checkout, which might come in handy for those of you who plan to study or travel abroad, or just want to learn a new language!

SAVE THE DATE!

Regents' Scholars Freshman Banquet

May 4, 2010

Attendance is REQUIRED for this event. DETAILS TBA.

Welcome Back Breakfast

Date: Jan. 21, 2010

Time: 8:30-11:00am

Place: Pavilion 236

Please RSVP by January 15, 2010 at:
http://financialaid.tamu.edu/rsvp

Breakfast at SUZANNE'S

Start the Spring Semester in Style!

Fall 2010 - Spring 2011 Continuing Student Scholarship

The application is available online at http://scholarships.tamu.edu for all continuing students. This is one application that will qualify you for several hundred scholarships, other than the Regents' Scholarship.

Apply Today!
Deadline is February 1, 2010.

Questions? Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979.845.3236 or email financialaid@tamu.edu.
*Not all scholarships are academic or need based.
In order for you to continue receiving financial aid, including the Regents’ Scholarship, during the 2010-2011 academic year, you must complete the Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA becomes available on January 1, 2010. Scholarships & Financial Aid encourages students to submit the FAFSA form by March 31, 2010.

In order to complete the FAFSA, you 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 2009 federal income tax return
- Parents’ 2009 federal income tax return
- If filing electronically, PIN for both the student and the parents

In order to expedite this process for you, Scholarships & Financial Aid will be hosting several Renewal FAFSA/TASFA workshops for Regents’ Scholars during the Spring semester. These events will be held in room 236 of the Pavilion and are scheduled for:

- February 22, 2010 9:00AM-10:00AM
- February 24, 2010 1:30PM-2:30PM
- February 25, 2010 10:30AM-12:30PM
- February 26, 2010 1:30PM-2:30PM

Registration is required. To register, students should visit http://financialaid.tamu.edu/workshops.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

1. Apply for anything and everything. Apply for anything you think you might be eligible to receive.

2. Complete the application in full. Note if something is not applicable on the application. Do not leave items blank.

3. Follow directions. Do not supply items not requested (e.g., transcripts, resumes, etc.).


5. Make sure your essay leaves an impression. Be personal and specific in your essays. Include concrete details. (Remember that the special circumstances essay is optional but highly recommended.)

6. Watch all deadlines. Have a self-imposed deadline two weeks prior to the actual due date. Use this as proofreading time.

7. Give it a final “once over” before you submit your application. You and another person should proofread the entire application carefully.

8. Ask for help if you need it. If you need to, do not hesitate to call the funding organization.

9. Take steps to make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Make a copy of the entire packet and keep it for your files. Make certain that your name appears on all pages.

10. Remember, your scholarship application represents you!

Based on “FastWeb’s Tips for College Students” April 2000 www.fastweb.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Laptop Services: Three TAMU Libraries currently provide wireless laptop lending programs. For library patrons wishing to use their personal laptops, these Libraries also provide both wired and wireless access to the campus network.

Evans Library and the Annex
Wireless-enabled Dell Inspiron Laptops are available for TAMU faculty, students, and staff checkout for use within Evans Library and the Library Annex facilities.

Borrow Period: Four Hours
Although laptops may not leave the buildings, they may be taken between Evans Library and the Library Annex via the walkway on the fourth floor.

For more information, please contact the Circulation • Department on the 1st floor of Sterling C. Evans Library or call 979-845-3731.

Medical Sciences Library
Wireless-enabled Dell Inspiron Laptops may be borrowed by TAMU faculty, students, and staff.

Borrow Period: Four hours
Laptops may be taken outside of the building.

For more information, please contact the Client Services • Desk on the 1st floor of the Medical Sciences Library or call 979-845-7428.

Policy Sciences & Economics Library
Wireless-enabled Dell Laptops may be borrowed by TAMU faculty, students, and staff.

Borrow Period: Four Hours
Laptops may not leave the building.

For more information, please contact the PSEL Service • Desk at 979-862-3544.
**SALMA’S CORNER**

Howdy, Regents’ Scholars,

I hope you are all having a wonderful winter break! Final exams ended a few weeks ago, and thank goodness for that. I was quite lucky to have only two finals, but I know that some of my friends weren’t as fortunate. No matter how many exams each of you had to take, I’m sure you all did fantastically!

Getting through your first semester is a big milestone. You’ll find that when spring semester begins, you won’t have some of the concerns that you did in the fall semester. For example, getting around campus and finding your classes won’t be as intimidating. When the spring semester of my freshman year came around, I was really proud to find out that I didn’t need to carry a map with me around campus. In fact, after getting to my first class I distinctly remember exclaiming to my friend, "I got here in 5 minutes flat Booyah!" Another thing that surprised me was that some of the fears I carried through my first semester had evaporated. My fear of failing classes, becoming overwhelmed with college life, and making new friends were no longer there. I had a study routine customized to my needs, I was able to strike a balance between extracurricular activities and academics, and I realized that I had a strong group of friends that supported me.

All I had to do now was get into my groove. That meant that I had to prepare for classes that would be a bit more challenging than the previous ones I took, and that I had to prepare myself to learn new information that may be different from what I expected. I did this by researching my classes thoroughly and buying my books on time!

Well, now I’m getting into the groove for my last spring semester as an undergraduate student. It’s not too hard to do because I’ve been taking a winter-mester and I’ve been coming to work, but winter break has sure been relaxing! Nevertheless, I am excited for the new semester to start. There are new things to learn, new friends to make, and new challenges to overcome. I can’t wait.

I hope to see you all well rested and super excited for a new semester in a few weeks!

Till then,

Salma Abdullah ’10
Regents’ Scholars Intern

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Congratulations to the Opinion Poll Winner for December:

The thing I am most looking forward to next semester is my new schedule! I just registered about 45 minutes ago and I have no classes on Mondays or Fridays! I am also looking forward to a fresh start! This semester had a very rough start for me, which continually made the rest of the semester hard. I am looking forward to a better start and hopefully a better semester! --Hannah Golden, Business '13

Please contact Casey Gove to claim your prize!