Congratulations to Our PGS May 2014 Graduates

Our best wishes are extended to the members of the following groups:

OL283, OL284, OL3-Online, FSG67, FSG68, NM24, BA33, RN39, BA T3, OL T79, OL T80, 116MBA, 117MBA, 118MBA-HC, 119MBA/MSM, 120 MSM, L8 MBA, MAEL T26, L9 MBA-HC, MSNE, MSNL, MSCP, and MAMFT!

Special points of interest:

- May 2014 Graduation
- Writing Assignment Assistance is available. Please contact Rhonda Thomas at rthorson@snu.edu or 491-6611 for more information.
- For Workshops in Tulsa: Contact Cheryl Serna at cserna@snu.edu or (918) 970-4633

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**Learner Success Notes**

- Our very own, **Billie Smith, FSG 66**, is the Face of the Volunteer, in the City Rescue Mission Newsletter’s effort to recruit Summer interns!

- **Diana Acker, FSG 67**, has just received a position as a Behavioral Health Case Manager at Signature Transformation Counseling Service. Congratulations Diana!

- Congratulations to **Samantha Johnson, RNBS #39**! Samantha was accepted for fall 2014 into the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing, Master of Science Nursing major, Advanced practice program for Family Nurse Practitioners. Samantha was the Class Representative for RNBS #39.

- **Christopher Wilburn RNBS #39**, was accepted at the University of Birmingham Alabama Masters of Science in Nursing for Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health Nursing pathway. Christopher will start this online program in the fall 2014. Chris is one of two Distinguished Achievement Award Recipients. Once graduated, **Samantha and Christopher** may be eligible to take the Advanced Practice license exam for Nurse Practitioners in the state of Oklahoma. In order to practice in the state of Oklahoma under the Nurse Practice Act and authority of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, upon graduation from an approved program they can apply for license as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and for Prescriptive Authority (see www.ok.gov/nursing for exact rules).

- **Mark Gower, OL6-ON**, is the Chief Security Officer for the State of Oklahoma. Mark was recently a keynote speaker in Las Vegas at a National Security Conference on cyber security. He is crediting SNU in helping him through its courses to refine his approaches and enhancing his capabilities to perform in the workplace. This is the link to his session: [http://www.symantec.com/connect/videos/session-1510-building-efficiency-endpoint-security-and-management](http://www.symantec.com/connect/videos/session-1510-building-efficiency-endpoint-security-and-management).

**INSTRUCTOR NEWS**

**Don Crall (SNU-Tulsa adjunct instructor)** received a recognition award for devoting over 300 hours to refurbishing a building which is now the Bixby Outreach Center. In addition to distributing clothing and food, the Outreach Center provides other resources such as: children's dental care and immunizations, senior food services, teen crisis help, school supply assistance, and hunger awareness campaigns. Don is an administrator and instructor with Tulsa Community College’s Certified Production Technician program. This innovative new program started as a result of the $2.5 million Advanced Manufacturing and Related Pathways grant. He teaches in BSBA, FSG, OL, and MBA programs at SNU-Tulsa. Congratulations, Don!!

**SNU Emergency Notification System**

SNU’s Emergency Notification System (SNU Alert!), is provided through Connect-Ed. This system allows us to send important messages via voice, text, and email to multiple points of contact including phone numbers (cell and land line) and email addresses provided by each participant.

This system is dedicated to situations impacting university operations (such as winter weather that closes campus) or emergency situations where action is required (such as tornado warnings and direct threats to our campus community). It is essential that you clearly indicate your primary campus location when signing-up for SNU Alert! since it is location sensitive when notifications are sent. Please select your campus location as either Bethany/OKC or Tulsa.

If you have not signed up for the SNU Alert! system, we encourage you to do so today. In order to sign-up or to make any adjustments to your contact information for SNU Alert!, go to My.SNU.edu - and click on My Stuff and then select Emergency Notification System (SNU Alert!).
Campus Writing Assignment Assistance

The School of Professional Studies is offering a four (4) hour session designed to assist students with a current writing assignment. Weekday workshops are from 6-10pm and Saturday workshops are from 9am-1pm. The sessions include editing assistance, formatting tips, and support with using the computer to aid in editing papers. Please contact Rhonda Thorson at rthorson@snu.edu or 491-6611, for reservations. Upcoming 2014 dates for the Bethany Campus are:

Thursday, June 5, Royce Brown 205
Thursday, June 23, Royce Brown 202
Tuesday, July 8, Royce Brown 202
Saturday, July 26th, Royce Brown

Special Announcement for all Del City Learners!

Please be advised that Del City Wi-fi Trouble Shooting Instructions have been posted in the Del City Classroom on the instructor’s podium at the front of the class. If you have technology questions or need assistance before 6:00 PM, please contact Deborah at 491-6331. All technology questions or assistance after 6:00 PM may be directed to Mark at 491-6525. An onsite Technology Representative has been identified for each group.

Campus Writing Refresher, APA, & Technology Workshops

The School of Professional Studies will be holding writing and technology workshops for new learners with APA and writing refreshment emphasis. If you are interested as a current learner please contact Dayna Stark at dstark@snu.edu or 491-6319. Please see below for Tulsa Workshop listings.

APA Workshop Dates with Katrina Nguyen:
Saturday, June 7, 2014
9am-1pm

Tulsa Writing Labs & Technology Workshops

SNU-Tulsa is offering free writing labs on Saturdays (dates listed below) in room 102 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for anyone who is needing assistance with writing skills. Technology workshops are offered free for computer technology assistance. Please contact Cheryl Serna at cserna@snu.edu or 918-970-4633 for reservations. Reservations are required to be able to attend.

Writing Lab Saturday Dates:
All are 10am to 12pm
- June 14, 2014
- June 28, 2014
- July 12, 2014
- July 26, 2014
- August 9, 2014
- August 23, 2014

Technology Workshop Dates:
All are 8am to 10am
- June 28, 2014
- July 26, 2014
- August 30, 2014
2014 Start Dates for PGS

**BETHANY CAMPUS**

Family Studies & Gerontology: Thursday, June 5, 2014
Business Administration: Wednesday, June 11, 2014
Organizational Leadership: Monday, June 23, 2014
Business Administration: Thursday, August 7, 2014
Organizational Leadership: Monday, August 18, 2014
Network Management: Tuesday, August 26th, 2014
Organizational Leadership: Thursday, September 18, 2014
Family Studies & Gerontology: Monday, September 22, 2014
Organizational Leadership: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

**ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP - ONLINE**

Monday, June 23, 2014
Monday, September 8, 2014

**TULSA CAMPUS**

Family Studies & Gerontology: Thursday, August 28, 2014
Organizational Leadership: Monday, September 29, 2014
Business Administration: Thursday, October 23, 2014

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**PGS Chaplaincy**

If you have any personal concerns and prayer requests or would like to send condolences to families who have recently lost loved ones please e-mail your chaplain, Dr. Koshy Muthalaly at koshy@snu.edu.

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**Weather Reminders**

Please be reminded that the weather is watched closely. You and your class will be informed of class cancellations via SNU Alert! at the same time that all university employees are informed. Of course, this is location sensitive. It is important to note that an individual instructor or Program Director does not cancel a class session. This is a university decision.

If you receive notification that land module sessions have been cancelled, since we do not adjust program calendars to reschedule class sessions, the individual instructor will contact his/her learners via SNU email and will provide instructional guidance, which may include, but is not limited to, encouraging learners to turn in work electronically, in addition to providing a way for a contingency/substitute method to meet session learning objectives. The contingency/substitute session may include the use of Online methods such as a Discussion Forum, review of posted Power Points with discussion, review of posted videos with discussion, review of posted assignments with discussion, etc.

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**SNU-Tulsa Testing Center**

In addition to the College Level Exam Program (CLEP), SNU-Tulsa now has 38 Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST) exams available in our Testing Center. Both CLEP and DSST exams are recommended for credit by American Council on Education (ACE).

The SNU-Tulsa Testing Center has been open since February, 2013 and currently administers an average of three tests per week. This is a valuable service for learners entering one of our degree programs, learners meeting graduation requirements, and for the surrounding community.
Financial Aid Tips

**Loans:**
- A FAFSA should be completed *after you file taxes each year*. This ensures that a new FAFSA will be available for Financial Aid in case it is needed and also takes away the stress of wondering if you need to complete one. The FAFSA is applicable for July-June of the school year. Make sure to use the DRT (Data Retrieval Tool) for accurate processing.
- It is good idea to complete a FAFSA just in case an unforeseen incident occurs and you are no longer able to make monthly payments or receive employer reimbursement. FAFSA is not just for loans, but the financial aid counselor is also able to see if you qualify for Pell Grant as well.
- If you receive funding for your education that will be sent to SNU, Financial Aid will need to be notified in order for your financial aid to be adjusted to fit the budget guidelines. Failure to do this may cause you to be over awarded for that year and an out of pocket expense can occur.
- Once you are aware that there will be a change in your educational plan either you need to withdraw or switch to another group, **Financial Aid must be contacted as soon as possible to discuss the implications this change may cause.** Failure to do so may cause you to have an out of pocket expense. Such expenses can prevent you from re-entering until the account is brought to positive status.
- When awarded funds you are given the max amount of loans. Once loans are awarded you cannot receive additional funding due to personal need.

**Disbursements/Refunds:**
- Refunds are disbursed after attendance has been verified for your second module of each new semester. Once attendance has been verified, the following Tuesday of that week loans are added to your account and any refund that you will receive will be available to you the following Friday after 1 p.m.

**Payments:**
- If you have elected to make payments, please contact the Business Office 405-717-6232 if you are unable to make the payments as promised.

**Communication is Key!!! Helpful Numbers:**

Wakita Oliver (Assistant Dir of Financial Aid) 405-491-6666
Darla Tompkins (Assistant Dir of Business Office) 405-717-6232
Connie Miller (Undergraduate Financial Aid Counselor) 405-717-6204
Tiffanie Sanchez (Graduate Financial Aid Counselor) 405-491-6685
Chrissi Lyles (Business Office) 405-491-6349
Leslie Johnson (Financial Aid– Bridge) 405-491-6668
Nicole Gordon (Financial Aid– Tulsa Campus) 918-970-4629

*Communication - the human connection - is the key to personal and career success.*

-Paul J. Meyer
Disability Services

If you need assistance with a learning, physical, or psychological disability that may affect your academic progress, we encourage you to contact Disability Services. This includes hospitalization that prevents class attendance or module completion with possible long-term implications.

Mission
The mission of Disability Services is to provide and coordinate support services that enable students with disabilities to receive equal access to all aspects of university life.

Disability Services
Learning Resource Center Suite 311
Open 8AM to 4PM, Monday - Friday

For more information and assistance contact:
ACE Disability Services
Tabitha Pope
tpope@snu.edu
(405) 717-6272
(405) 717-6286 Fax

Announcement from Southern Nazarene University on LinkedIn

The SNU Alumni Group @ LinkedIn is steadily growing.

Curtis Johnson, Owner
Southern Nazarene University Alumni @ LinkedIn.com

Submit Prayer Requests - SNU Alumni Prayer Team

Do you have a prayer need? Are you hurting? Is there something in your life that is a challenge?

We are so happy to announce we have a small Alumni team of prayer warriors who will begin meeting to pray over needs submitted via our new, confidential online prayer forum.

You may submit your confidential requests at: www.snu.edu/pray

Our team will meet each week to pray over the submitted requests as well as over-arching requests for the university. We believe in the power of prayer and recognize there are moments in all of our lives when we need to know someone is calling out our name before God. We hope you will find this a helpful and encouraging support network!

Blessings,
Kendra Thomson
Executive Director of Alumni Relations
Southern Nazarene University’s mission is to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community. As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who THINK with clarity, ACT with integrity and SERVE with purpose.

Founded in 1899, Southern Nazarene University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university—a service of the Church of the Nazarene. Located on a 40-acre campus just west of Oklahoma City, SNU grew out of several small colleges committed to training people for service to God and their fellow man. More than 32,000 alumni work and serve throughout the United States and the world.

Have Something to Say?

If you have something you’d like to see appear in our next issue please email Dr. Delilah Joiner at djoiner@snu.edu or Ciara Valdez at cvaldez@mail.snu.edu.
Important Bethany Campus Information: Severe Weather Preparation Reminder

The spring storm season is almost upon us. We need to be aware of changing weather conditions during this season. This email is a reminder of the basic points of SNU’s emergency notification primarily for our Bethany Campus should we be advised to "take shelter" in severe weather.

Of course, our local weather stations will be providing detailed weather and storm coverage. In addition to local weather coverage, the call to “take shelter” here at SNU Bethany campus may come via one of the following three sources.

Please take shelter when you receive instructions to do so from any of the following:

a. Siren is activated atop SNU’s Science Building
b. SNU Alert! messages (may be text message only or voice/text/email)
c. Direct instruction given by designated university officials such as:
   1. Safety and Security staff member
   2. Building Emergency Coordinators
   3. University Administrator or his/her designee
   4. EMS officials such as the Fire Dept or Police

Each building on the SNU campus and other off-campus locations has posted SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES which includes instructions in case of severe weather and the shelter location for that building. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the guidelines.

The best and preferred building locations on our Bethany campus for safe shelter during a severe storm emergency can be found at this link: https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B0kfwyLcmnC-dl9vS2pZQnk4WEU

SIREN INFORMATION

The following information is provided regarding siren procedures:

1. There is no uniform national or statewide policy governing the use of sirens. Each city constructs its own policy.
2. The siren on the roof of SNU’s Beaver Science Hall is activated by the Bethany Fire Department, as are all sirens located in the city of Bethany.
3. The sirens located and operated in the city of Bethany are activated when a determination is made that the city of Bethany, itself, is in the path of severe weather that has produced or may produce a tornado. Sirens are sounded to alert citizens to be "weather aware," and to take safety precautions in the event severe weather strikes.
4. The city of Oklahoma City, in contrast, activates their sirens if the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning for any part of Oklahoma County. Since SNU is located in Oklahoma county and is adjacent to OKC, this may help explain why we (at SNU) at times can hear sirens in a distant location, while the siren atop the Science Building is silent.
5. The siren sounds each time there is a warning. For example, if the National Weather Service issues multiple tornado warnings over a period of time, then sirens will sound multiple times.
6. The sirens sound for a predetermined amount of time. The sound of the siren ending does not mean the danger has gone away.
7. There is no “all-clear” siren. If you hear a siren sound a second time, it means there are more severe storms in the Bethany area.

Please be weather aware and safe!

Important Tulsa Information: Severe Weather Preparation Reminders

In case of tornado or severe thunder storm, please take shelter in the indicated, window-free fire exit lobbies on the first floor. Locations are marked with lighted ceiling signs and are posted in each classroom. Kindly check to see that all in the group are accounted for and are not in restrooms or other common areas. Notification of immediate need to take shelter will come in one or more of the following methods:

1. Via an individual’s smart phones or other devices
2. Notification from SNU-Tulsa director or her designee
3. SNU-Alert system notice
4. Public officials such as police or fire departments