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Please be sure you have filled out the SNU Alerts Form on Portal. Simply log into at portal.snpu.edu and it can be found under WebAdvisor for Students-Communication-SNU Alert Form. Tulsa Learners please select Campus location-Tulsa.
Learner Success Notes!

Congratulations to the following undergraduate Professional Studies' learners for being accepted into SNU Graduate programs!


ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER? INTERESTED IN TALKING TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS?

Thursday, March 5th, Noon-4pm, Greater Grads Career Fair at the Cox Convention Center
The largest career fair in Oklahoma City with over 100 employers in one place
Learn more about it HERE. Greater Grads Career Fair

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FIGHTING TRAFFICKING RUNWAY STYLE!
STOP THE TRAFFIC: THE FASHION SHOW
MARCH 27TH in Herrick Auditorium from 7:00pm-9:00pm.
Benefit Fashion Show for She's Somebody's Daughter
Refreshments, art auction, entertainment, prizes & photo booth
Tickets on sale now for $10 @ www.stopthetraffic.eventbrite.com
First 50 people to buy a ticket get a FREE SHIRT!

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Learner Workshops

Writing Refresher Workshop Dates with Chris Querry
Saturday, May 30, 2015

APA Workshop Dates with Katrina Nguyen
Saturday, June 6, 2015

Technology 101: The Basics Workshops with Brent Wetwiska
Saturday, May 16, 2015

Please contact Bridget Boulware at bboulwar@snu.edu or (405) 491-6332 for reservations.

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
March 7, 2015
March 28, 2015
April 11, 2015,
April 25, 2015
May 9th, 2015
May 23, 2015

Technology Workshop Dates:
All are 9am to 11am
March 28, 2015
April 25, 2015
May 30, 2015
June 27, 2015
Seminar: Science, Engineering, and the Wisdom of God
Monday, March 9, 2015, 1:30 PM, Royce Brown Building, Room 136
Southern Nazarene University

Presenter: Dr. Dominic Halsmer, Professional Engineer (Oklahoma)
BS in Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering, Purdue, 1985
MS in Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering, Purdue, 1986
PhD in Mechanical Engineering, UCLA, 1992
MA in Biblical Literature, Oral Roberts University, 2013
Former Dean of the College of Science and Engineering
Professor of Engineering, Director, Center for Faith and Learning
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Description: The field of engineering has an important role to play in the ongoing science and religion dialogue. Reverse engineering techniques have been so successful in systems biology because the engineering mindset recognizes vital affordances among system components that lead to elegant and efficient functionality. These kinds of affordances persist throughout the realm of nature and speak, not only of deeper meaning and intentionality, but also of wisdom, ingenuity, and purpose. Implication: Life on earth is the ultimate gift of a loving Mastermind.

One seminar attendee will win a free Discraft “Ultra-star” ultimate disc!

Instructor News

- Congratulations to SNU Tulsa FSG Instructor, Alissa Drescher, who recently earned her certification in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement from the Association for Death Education and Counseling. This certification will continue to enhance her work as adjunct professor of the FSG Death, Grief, and Loss module.

Campus Writing Assignment Assistance Lab

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 2015 dates for the Bethany Campus are:

- Saturday March 7, RB 205
- Monday March 23, RB 207
- Tuesday April 7, RB 202
- Wednesday April 22, RB 203
- Thursday May 14, RB 207
- Saturday May 30, RB 203
- Monday, June 15, RB 207
- Tuesday, June 23, RB 202

Need Scholarships!?

Do you need additional scholarship monies from outside sources to help with your educational expenses or make it possible to pursue study abroad or graduate school? The Academic Grants Office has put together a page of information on outside (non-SNU) scholarships to help SNU students locate scholarship resources for tuition, study abroad, undergraduate research, and graduate / professional school costs. Scholarships are listed by major and there is a separate page for minority students. There are also tips and resources for preparing application materials.

Please refer to the new SNU Portal: MY ACADEMICS > Outside Scholarships and Grants or click this Direct Link.
SNU Business Office News and Updates!

PAYMENT OPTIONS: If you have a balance, even with Financial Aid, for your program or want to make payments you must sign an agreement that applies to your program. You may pay this balance in full without penalty or pay in advance. HOWEVER, each semester must be paid in full to continue to the next semester.

Invoice payments may be made in one (1) of three (3) ways:

1. **Credit card** - Includes Visa, Master, Discover, and American Express (A convenience fee of 2.6% will be charged.) We accept credit card payments over the phone, in person, or online.
2. **Online** - Payments may be made at portal.snu.edu - Credit or Debit Cards are accepted. (A convenience fee of 2.6% will be charged.) - **e-check is a free option.**
3. **In person** - During regular scheduled office hours in Royce Brown or Bresee.

Please be advised, there is a $25 fee for any returned checks which is due immediately. Continued infractions may result in a withdrawal from your modules and/or program. We are not responsible for payments not posted in our system due to card, computer, or postal delays.

Instructional Steps for Portal.snu.edu use:

- Sign-on/login information is the same as the Moodle sign-on/login.
- Column on right in red bar...Webadvisor
- Click Webadvisor for Students on ^ to extend another list.
- Click on appropriate selection for viewing

To make a payment or view entire account including financial aid and your statement online

- Click Financial Information ^
- Click View Account and Make Payments (This will take you to another site to view)

If you have questions or need assistance when making payments, please contact Darla Tompkins at dtompkins@snu.edu or (405) 717-6232.
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 a 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
Donna White (Business Office) 405-491-6349
Don Lewis (Financial Aid – Bridge) 405-491-6668
Nicole Gordon (Financial Aid – Tulsa Campus) 918-970-4629
Dayna Stark (Veteran Services Coordinator ) 405-717-6299

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

-Paul J. Meyer
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.

2015 Start Dates for PGS

Bethany Campus

Business Administration: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Thursday, April 2, 2015
Network Management: Monday, April 13, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Family Studies & Gerontology: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Business Administration: Thursday, June 11, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

ONLINE

Business Administration: Monday, March 23, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Monday, April 6, 2015
Network Management: Monday, April 20, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Monday, June 1, 2015

Tulsa Campus

Family Studies & Gerontology: Monday, March 2, 2015
Organizational Leadership: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Business Administration: Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Family Studies & Gerontology: Tuesday, August 18, 2015

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.

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.

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 several 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.
**Graduation Policy Change Announcement**

We are pleased to announce a change to our policy that may benefit you as you complete your program. Previously, there were three official graduation dates: May, August, and December. It was not until you met all graduation requirements by one of these three dates that you were identified as being graduated and then you received your official diploma and a transcript with your degree statement. Under our new policy, you will have access to your official diploma and a transcript with your degree statement posted once ALL courses are completed, requirements have been met, and grades have been posted on your transcript.

When your cohort group has completed the program and all final grades (including any prior learning, CLEP tests, grades from other institutions, etc.) have been submitted and posted to the transcript, your academic advisor will submit your names to the registrar’s office for graduation clearance. The month following that clearance, your diploma will be mailed to you. At that time, you can also request a transcript with a degree statement posted on it.

Commencement will continue to take place in May or December, and we encourage each of you to participate and celebrate your momentous accomplishment. However, this new policy will allow you to have official documentation when looking towards promotion or a career change as a result of your newly earned degree.

If you have any questions, please contact your academic advisor.

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**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

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**WE WANT GROUP/MODULE PHOTOS!**

If there is an opportunity to snap a photo of learning fun in your module please send it to us. Instructors get your group/module photos in the Newsletter!

The group can mark milestones and celebrations and share photos during the entire program. At the very least, we would really like to have your last night celebration photos! Make a group collage or submit them individually.

When sending pictures be sure to identify the group, module, and the reason for your celebration! Send group pictures for the newsletter to Leslie at lprudhom@mail.snu.edu.

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Helpful Numbers to Know:

Bridget Boulware: Admissions (491-6332: bboulwar@snu.edu) Main contact for general information, information meeting reservations, pre-enrollment, student IDs, admission packets, and brochure requests.

Wakita Oliver: Assistant Director of Financial Aid (491-6666: w doliver@snu.edu) Supervises the Financial Aid procedures for Professional and Graduate Studies.

Don Lewis: Records and Data Management/Financial Aid Specialist (491-6668: dlewis@snu.edu) Processes re-enrollment, withdrawals and LOAs. Takes care of Bridge learners’ financial aid and business office needs.

Darla Tompkins: Assistant Director of Business Office (717-6232: dtomkin@snu.edu) Undergraduate Student Account Coordinator for Bethany Campus.

Connie Miller: Undergraduate Financial Aid Counselor (717-6204: commille@snu.edu) Takes care of undergraduate students’ financial aid needs.

Dayna Stark: Veteran Services Coordinator (717-6299: dstark@snu.edu) Takes care of all veterans financial aid needs.

Donna White: Student Account Coordinator (491-6349: dwhite121@snu.edu) Handles Business Office Needs for Bethany Graduate Students.

Tiffanie Sanchez: Graduate Financial Aid Coordinator (491-6685: tsanchez@snu.edu) Handles all graduate student financial aid needs.

Katrina Nguyen (491-6330: knguyen@snu.edu) Chrissi Lyles (491-6667: cflyles@snu.edu) Rhonda Thorson (491-6611: rthorson@snu.edu) TBA (717-6202: ) Cheryl Serna (Tulsa Technology Specialist: 918-970-4633: cserna@snu.edu) Academic Advisors: Grade issues for undergraduate students, and Life Learning Papers. Assists with graduation activities and degree completion questions. Processes re-enrollment, withdrawals and LOAs.

Deborah Ballantine: Technology Needs (491-6331: dballant@snu.edu) Provides support for technology questions and information, supplies technical equipment, maintains Moodle, tech support for on-line information, and data management.

Leslie Prudhomme: Faculty & Academic Needs (491-6680: lprudhom@snu.edu) Faculty teaching assignments and schedules, classroom materials and supplies, distributes textbooks for all programs, and adjunct faculty payroll.

Ciara Valdez: Learner Support (491-6316: cvaldez@snu.edu) Handles tracking of attendance, grades, student assignments and Life Learning Papers, updates address changes, class rep handbooks, distributes Bridge books, makes room reservations for meetings and events for Professional Studies.

Marcy Hoffpaur: Administrative Assistant Nursing (491-6630)

Nicole Gordon: Financial Aid/Student Account Coordinator for Tulsa Campus (918-970-4629: nigordon@snu.edu) Handles all of the Business Office and Financial Aid needs for Tulsa students.

Linda Lauhon: Coordinator of Tulsa Campus Operations (918-970-4625: llauhon@snu.edu)

Corina Holtzhauer: Admissions Counselor Tulsa Nursing (918-470-4628: choltzha@snu.edu)

About Your SNU

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 djjoiner@snu.edu or Leslie Prudhomme at lprudhom@snu.edu.