**End Of The Year Wrap-Up**

In a few short weeks classes will be over, finals will be looming, and it’s spring! As your students complete projects and prepare for final exams, many are also making plans for summer. If students have not already, they will soon be making plans to either attend summer classes on campus or through distance education, do an internship, or come back home for the summer to rest – and hopefully earn a little cash! For the lucky ones, commencement is just around the corner.

**Commencement News**

Congratulations to all families that have a graduate in the class of 2011! You made it! The May 2011 Commencement ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 5th, and Friday, May 6th, 2011 at Matthaei Athletics Complex. Due to the large number of graduates, seating at commencement is limited and tickets are required for guests. Graduates are not required to have a ticket. Each graduate is eligible to receive a maximum of four guest tickets. Tickets will be distributed on the following dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, April 12 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** at the Oakland Center, 33737 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Directions to the Oakland Center may be found at [www.oakland.wayne.edu/center/location.php](http://www.oakland.wayne.edu/center/location.php).
- **Thursday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** in the lobby of the Academic Administration Building (AAB) on campus, 5700 Cass Ave. (corner of Cass and Palmer)

A student photo ID and signature is required before tickets will be released and the WSU Commencement Office does not sell additional tickets or replace lost tickets. In the event your student is unable to attend ticket distribution dates arrangements can be made to have tickets picked up by a family member or friend. The graduating student must send a signed permission letter with the name of the person the tickets may be released to and a copy their student identification.

Your son or daughter should be receiving email correspondence and messages from the Commencement Office. You can also find out more information along with the ceremony schedule at commencement.wayne.edu. Commencement Office: 313-577-2414

**Is Your Student Looking For A Summer Job?**

Wayne State’s Career Services is committed to helping students find jobs, either long-term or short-term. Job postings for College Work-Study or Student Assistant positions can be viewed in the Career Services office, located at 1001 Faculty and Administration Building, or online. To view job postings online for full-time positions, internships, and on-campus jobs, students need to register with the Career Services Online and create a profile.

Career Services also offers career exploration for students who are unsure of long-term career goals. The office uses several different interest inventories and personal exploration tools to help students discover possible careers.

For more information, visit careerservices.wayne.edu or 313-577-3390.

**Academic Calendar**

Is your student aware of what is scheduled on the Academic Calendar? [http://reg.wayne.edu/students/calendar.php](http://reg.wayne.edu/students/calendar.php)

- **April 25:** Classes End
- **April 26:** Study Day
- **April 27th:** Late Night Breakfast
- **April 27-May 3:** Final Exams
- **May 5- May 6:** Commencement

**Campus Happenings**

There is always a lot happening on campus, but April is certainly a jammed packed month. On April 12th the Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority is sponsoring Are You Smarter Than a High Schooler in the Student Center Building at 6pm and don’t forget to remind your student to visit the Tower Residential Suites on April 27th to take a Late Night Breakfast break while studying for finals.

Also, make sure you student knows about April 15th because not only is it tax day, but on campus we will celebrate the Inauguration of Wayne State’s 11th President, Allan Gilmour and the Summer Slam Carnival. Beginning at the Law School at 11am is the Academic Symposium followed by the Inauguration Ceremony for President Gilmour from 3p.m.-4p.m. in the Community Arts Auditorium. The Inauguration Celebration continues at 7 p.m. in Community Arts Auditorium, sponsored by the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. Students are also welcome to participate in the Summer Slam Carnival in Keast Commons from 4pm-8pm and finish the night with the Campus Activities Team’s Comedy Show at 8pm in the General Lectures Building. Details for April 15th events and more can be found at [events.wayne.edu](http://events.wayne.edu).
Spring/Summer Registration

Take advantage of Spring/Summer classes this May! It’s the best way to stay on the graduation track.

Priority Registration is available until Saturday, April 30th. Open Registration begins May 2nd and continues until May 7th, so register before then if you want to avoid late registration fees! If your student is having trouble registering for classes or is in need of more information please have them visit http://wayne.edu/register or contact Registration and Scheduling services at registration@wayne.edu.

Parking Passes

Is your student taking Spring/Summer classes? Make sure that they purchase a parking pass for the Spring and Summer semesters. Parking passes allow unlimited entry and exit to an assigned structure or lot. Passes can be purchased online or in the Parking/OneCard office in the Welcome Center. Permits start at $240/semester. Parking permits do not guarantee a reserved space, but offer the opportunity to park within a specific area within a parking structure or lot.

Spring Fever

As students prepare for finals, I’m sure there are some who will find it difficult to study. “Spring Fever” is a powerful thing. When it is warm and sunny out, it is easy to be tempted to skip class. Encourage your student not to give in. Prioritizing tasks, getting enough rest, eating healthy, and taking a few breaks are all positive steps for your student to stay on track as they head into finals week. It is important to pick the right spot to study with the least amount of distraction. Continuing, joining, or starting a study group is also a good idea. Seeking out the Academic Success Center (ASC) can help your student close the gap toward academic success. Visit their website at success.wayne.edu to find out about the many tutoring and studying opportunities for your student to take advantage of now before finals hit and it is too late. Also, the Undergraduate Library (UGL) has extended hours so your late night student can get what he or she needs finished. You can find the Academic Success Center along with University Advising conveniently located in the UGL.

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