Welcome to the Wayne State University Parent Newsletter.

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 the weather is warm and sunny, it is easy to be tempted to skip class. Encourage your student not to give in. Prioritizing tasks, getting enough rest, eating healthy foods and taking a few breaks all are positive ways for your student to stay on track as we head into finals week. It is important to pick the right spot to study with the least amount of distraction. Study groups are a good idea — suggest that your student join or start one if they’re not already a member of a group. Also valuable is help from the Academic Success Center. Visit their website at success.wayne.edu to see the many tutoring and studying opportunities — now, before finals hit and it is too late. Also, the Undergraduate Library (UGL) has extended hours so your late-night student can get everything finished. The Academic Success Center and University Advising are both conveniently located in the UGL.

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I hope there will be sunny and warm weather when you receive this newsletter. Have a wonderful April!

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**Spring-Summer Financial Aid**

Spring-summer aid information is available on the Financial Aid website at finaid.wayne.edu/apply/spring-summer.php. Federal loans are limited to remaining eligibility for students who did not borrow their maximum student loans in the fall and winter semesters. A work-study award is an opportunity to earn funds while working on-campus.

**2014-15 Financial Aid Awards**

The Office of Student Financial Aid has begun processing aid applications for the 2014-15 academic year. New students will receive a paper award notice. Continuing students are notified via their WSU email accounts when award packages have been prepared for them. Information about awards and outstanding requirements is available in Pipeline.

Federal Parent PLUS loans are not included in the financial aid award package. Beginning in May, parents of dependent undergraduates may apply for the loan at studentloans.gov. Application information will automatically be sent to WSU for processing.

Questions about aid? Call us at 313-577-2100.

**Commencement News**

Congratulations to all families who have a graduate in the class of 2014! You made it! The May commencement ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 1, at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Ford Field. Tickets are required. Please visit the commencement website for further details. [http://commencement.wayne.edu/schedule.php](http://commencement.wayne.edu/schedule.php)

**Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Classes in April!**

The Wayne State University Police Department will again host the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System’s Basic Physical Defense Course for Women, on four successive Monday evenings, starting **Monday, April 28th, 2014 through Monday, May 19th, 2014**. The class will be held at the Wayne State University Police Department located at 6050 Cass Avenue at Burroughs, two blocks north of the Ford/I-94 freeway.

The Rape Aggression Defense system is a program of
realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on self-defense. The RAD program is taught nationwide and its widespread acceptance is primarily due to the ease, simplicity and effectiveness of R.A.D. tactics, solid research, legal defensibility and unique teaching methodology.

Several male and female WSU Police Officers, who are also nationally certified RAD instructors, will teach each RAD session. The program is a 13 hour women's self-defense course that has been internationally recognized as an effective and easy-to-learn personal safety tool. Each class consists of four separate sessions that cover a variety of topics; including personal safety and safety awareness, physical defense techniques, and aggressive defense measures to be used as options, available to the woman who is attacked. Emphasis is placed on the proper way to deliver effective kicks, blocks and strikes as well as practical tactical ground fighting skills to free yourself and allow you to escape.

The last session (Simulations Night) allows you to test your new skills and techniques to defend yourself in three simulated attacks.

All Basic RAD classes are open to women only. Husbands, boyfriends or other males will not be allowed to attend or view this training.

WSU Students, Staff and Faculty members may also attend with, or enroll, one non-WSU woman as their guest. This would include non-WSU spouses, partners, girlfriends and female siblings. Daughters and siblings 12 to 16 years of age may attend the RAD training program once a parent signs a Parental Consent Form. We highly recommend that the minor female attends the RAD course with a female parent or older female sibling.

This Rape Aggression Defense course is very popular. Previous Basic RAD classes filled quickly and were met with overwhelming success. If you plan on registering with a friend or relative, don’t delay.

If you make the time commitment, we will commit to providing you with some of the best women's self-defense training available.

WDIV/ClickonDetroit.com sent a reporter and cameraman to our November 2013 RAD class for a “Local 4 Defenders” news story. You can see that story at the following link:

The RAD course costs $20.00 per participant for the four session class. Payment is required at time of registration. We can accept cash or checks (payable to 'Wayne State University Police').

You must register in advance to ensure your enrollment. See below for registration details.

**Starts Monday, April 28th, 2014**  **Evening Program:**
Total of 13 hours (over 4 days)

**Monday, April 28th, 2014**  - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
**Monday, May 5th, 2014**  - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
**Monday, May 12th, 2014**  - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
**Monday, May 19th, 2014**  - 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
(Simulations Session)

**How to Register for RAD:**

In order to maintain a high student to instructor ratio, class size is limited to the first 15 registered participants. To register for this class, please bring your $20 registration fee and your WSU OneCard ID, to the Records Section of Wayne State Police Department located at 6050 Cass Avenue at Burroughs, two blocks north of the Ford freeway. (Feel free to park in the 'Police Only Zone' in front of the building as the course registration will only take a couple of minutes).

WSUPD Records Section Office Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

**RAD Class registrations will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 24th, 2014,** unless the class fills to capacity before that time.

The Basic RAD class is a prerequisite for the Advanced RAD and RAD Weapons classes which will build on the basic self-defense techniques taught in the Basic RAD class.

**PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT IN THIS POPULAR COURSE.**

**NOTE:** There is still space available in the new Advanced RAD class, which starts on April 8th, 2014. The Basic RAD class is needed as a prerequisite for the Advanced RAD class.

For more information on the Advanced RAD classes, see the CampusWatch email of March 14, 2014, or simply reply to this email for more information on the upcoming Advanced RAD classes.
End of the Year Wrap-up

As students complete projects and prepare for final exams, many also are making plans for summer. If your student hasn’t already decided how to spend the summer, encourage them to make plans to attend summer classes on campus or through distance education, do an internship, or head home to earn funds for next fall’s tuition.

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