Welcome to the Wayne State University Parent Newsletter.

Happy New Year!

It’s 2015 and we hope you had a wonderful holiday break and a joyous New Year!

Hopefully you and your students have had time to evaluate last semester, have celebrated the successes and have discussed how things might be done differently in the future. The winter 2015 semester can serve as a new beginning.

You should ask your student if they have met with their academic advisor and registered for classes yet. Late registration and late adds begin Monday, January 12, through Sunday, January 18. Students
with the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Business, Engineering and Education should visit their specific college/department for advising. If they are unsure they can visit [https://wayne.edu/advising/](https://wayne.edu/advising/) for specific details of who they should contact. **All other students should contact the University Advising Center at univadvising@wayne.edu or 313-577-2680.**

Please remind your student that tutoring is available in almost every subject. Academic advisors and professors can be great resources, and tutoring labs are open at convenient hours to help students succeed. It's very important to define realistic goals with your student. If they have been struggling, our best advice is to start early with tutoring. Waiting until after midterm grades are available can, in many cases, be too late.

Finding the positive and offering support will go a long way in helping your student be successful. Here are a few conversation starters to help your student stay on track and seek help when needed.

Do they feel the assignment and test scores reflect their best effort? Waiting until the last minute to complete an assignment or study for a test rarely results in a good outcome.

Did they turn in all their homework on time? Homework pays dividends in multiple ways. You get credit for doing the work and you learn how to do the work. This will make a student better prepared for the test.

Are they using good time management? If a student struggles in math, they should be in the math lab doing their homework after every assignment.

Are they going to every class and arriving on time? Attendance is taken at the beginning of class.

Are they sitting close to the front? Studies show that students who sit in the first two rows actually earn better grades.
Are they paying attention and taking notes or are they texting and looking at Facebook? Class is like a job; don't waste time.

Do they read the syllabus? There is a lot of good information, including assignments and expectations, in each course syllabus.

Success begins with your student’s desire to learn and their commitment to their education. While parents and family members can offer support and guidance, students must take ownership of their education. We have listed information resources your students can access under Quick Links at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, or you need some suggestions or a listening ear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Academic Calendar**

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

**Healthy Choices**

In addition to your student staying on track with their academics, they also can use some balance. Remind your student to get enough rest and perhaps get involved in an activity or two. With the Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center open until 11 p.m. each Monday through Friday, students have lots of opportunities to squeeze in some exercise — and some socialization as well!

Your student also has access to the Campus Health Center located at 5200 Anthony Wayne Drive in suite 115 (next to Einstein Bros. Bagels). Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. If your student must
miss class because they’re sick, make sure they document the illness.

**Don't Miss Out on Financial Aid: File the 2015-16 FAFSA for Financial Aid**

It’s not too early to plan for the 2015-16 academic year. The 2015-16 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available beginning on January 1, 2015. All students are encouraged to file early to take advantage of all available aid.

The 2015-16 FAFSA is used to apply for aid for fall 2015, winter 2016 and spring/summer 2016 semesters. You will need your 2014 tax and income information.

If you estimate these figures, you will need to file an update once your taxes have been filed.

The FAFSA can be filed online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Beginning in February, you will be able to transfer IRS tax return data directly from the IRS website into the fields on the FAFSA.

More information about applying for financial aid is available on the website at finaid.wayne.edu.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress & Winter Financial Aid**

The Office of Student Financial Aid is required by federal regulations to review all fall grades in order to determine a student’s winter satisfactory academic progress (SAP) status.

A student must be meeting SAP standards in order to receive financial aid.

Missing or incomplete grades will prevent a SAP status review. If a student has questions about missing grades, we encourage them to contact their course faculty member.

After the review of final grades, students will be notified of their eligibility status. This information is also available in Pipeline under the Financial Aid tab.

Information about Satisfactory Academic Progress is
available online at finaid.wayne.edu.

Questions about financial aid? Please call (313) 577-2100 or send an email to studentservice@wayne.edu.

Parking on Campus

This is a reminder that parking passes for the winter term 2015 is still available for purchase. If your student is interested in changing structures or purchasing a pass, have them visit http://parking.wayne.edu/.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute – January 16, 2015

Students, families and community members are invited to Wayne State University’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute at the Max M. Fisher Music Center on Friday, January 16, 2015.

This exciting Tribute brings together the metro Detroit community to celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. This year's keynote speakers are Drs. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt and George Jenkins, fondly known as The Three Doctors. The Doctors are extraordinary role models for anyone who’s been through any kind of life challenge or major hardship.

Net proceeds from the event will support Adopt-a-Classroom, a nationally recognized organization that invites the community into classrooms to increase opportunities for student success by empowering teachers with partnerships and funds to purchase resources.

Tickets are $10 to attend just the program, or $65 for the program and luncheon. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit http://communityoutreach.wayne.edu/mlk/index.php. This event is open to the community.

Get Involved!

If your student is feeling a little lonely, encourage...
them to join a student organization or sorority or fraternity. There are many fun campus events during each week of the winter semester. Students can visit the DOSO website at http://doso.wayne.edu/ to join hundreds of fellow Warriors participating in organizations and gathering weekly for events such as Thursdays in the D.

**Students Can Get Emergency Messages About School Closures and More**

The WSU Broadcast Messaging Service delivers emergency notifications and other significant university messages to WSU students, faculty and staff using the communication devices everyone uses on a regular basis these days. The service gives your student the convenience and flexibility of being able to choose the types of messages they want to receive from Wayne State and how they want to receive them: via text message, instant message, email or a combination of the three.

Note that emergency alerts are automatically sent to all students, faculty and staff via WSU email. Wayne State students also can sign up to get administrative messages from the Broadcast Messaging Service regarding course time or location changes, final grade postings or hold releases, for example, as well as financial aid notifications and announcements from faculty about their courses. Additional features, message types and categories are added to the Broadcast Messaging Service as the need arises. Students can access it directly at https://m.wayne.edu or through Pipeline.

For more information, visit http://computing.wayne.edu/broadcast/index.php. Note: This service is not available to parents or family members.

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