Spring Open House Meet and Greet

The Division of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services is hosting its Spring Break Open House at the College of Arts and Letters Baron and Gordon Galleries on Sunday, March 16. Parents and family members, including members of the Monarch Parents and Family Organization and those interested in joining, are invited to stop by anytime from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to meet our division’s leadership team and discuss the Monarch Signature Experience, Finish in 4 and other student success-related initiatives. Additionally, attendees will have an opportunity to engage with one another and enjoy lunch while touring the galleries. Anyone who is interested in joining the Monarch Parent and Family Organization can email gomonarchparents@odu.edu or call 757.683.6702.

Fall Registration

Pre-registration for Fall 2014 courses will open on Monday, April 7. Current students can check their Time Tickets in Leo Online to see when they can pre-register. To be able to sign up for classes, students must also meet with their academic advisors to plan for the fall semester, review any pre-requisites, get approval for courses if needed, and remove holds. You can help by encouraging your student to schedule an advisor meeting as soon as possible and to check their Time Tickets in Leo Online. Advisors’ schedules fill up fast, so students should contact their advisors now.
Getting Ahead with Summer Classes

When students think of summer, they often think of lazy days, sunshine, relaxation, hanging out with friends, and maybe even taking a trip. Many students don’t even consider the possibility of taking summer courses, but these courses can actually be very beneficial to them. Here are some reasons to encourage your student to enroll in summer classes:

- Students can stay on track to graduate on time or possibly even early, saving them (and you) time and money.
- Summer courses are often smaller, which can mean more one-on-one time with professors.
- Summer courses are several weeks shorter than courses during the spring and fall semesters, so your student can finish his or her classes quickly and still have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the summer.
- Campus is open, but there are less students around, meaning short lines, easy access to resources like tutoring and the Writing Center (though with shortened hours), and more available parking.
- Students and their families can potentially save money by taking courses at current tuition rates; if tuition increases in the future, students have already completed more classes at a lower rate.

Registration for summer classes is open now, so encourage your student to sign up today.

Spring Career Fair

The Spring Career Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ted Constant Convocation Center, and all current ODU students, alumni and their immediate family members are invited to attend. This annual career fair boasts many employers from a broad spectrum of industries such as healthcare, shipping, IT, non-profit and business. Employers are seeking qualified individuals to fill jobs locally, nationally and internationally. This event presents an opportunity for students, alumni and family members to seek employment, network with recruiters and gain valuable experience in self-presentation and job search strategies. Rarely is there an opportunity to communicate with this many employers from such a wide variety of industries all in one room. Click here to see a list of participating employers. Be sure to dress in professional attire and to bring your resume and references with you. All family members should be escorted by an ODU student or alum.
Production will begin this month at ODU on a feature-length film, titled “The Ballerina.” The film represents an unprecedented entrepreneurial collaboration between film industry professionals and faculty, staff and students. The faculty-led project is being headed up by Steve Pullen, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, who wrote the script and will direct the film. The student crew is composed of volunteers and others who are enrolled in feature film production and cinematography classes and will be required to work on set for at least 10 days of the production, providing them with practical experience for their future careers.

**Sports Spotlight**

**ODU Men’s Basketball**

vs Rice 55-51 (W)  
@ Louisiana Tech 66-71 (L)  
@ Marshall 70-63 (W)  
Next game: vs East Carolina 3/6

**Monarch Pride**

Carolyn Rutledge, associate professor of nursing in the College of Health Sciences, received 1 of 12 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Awards from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia on Thursday, February 20.

**Spring Break**

The ODU residence halls will be closed during Spring Break, so families of students who live on campus need to make plans for where students will go during the break. The halls close at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, and reopen at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 16. During break, students can leave their belongings in their rooms, but they will not be able to enter the halls again until they reopen. On-campus apartments will remain open, but services will be limited. If your student has plans to travel during Spring Break, now is a great time to talk to him or her about how to stay safe and still have fun. Find some tips here on what to discuss with your student before he or she leaves for the week.

**Healthy Habits**

For many students, this is the busiest part of the semester. They can make the most of their limited time by

- Making a schedule and sticking to it.
- Picking a dedicated time to study.
- Minimizing distractions when working.
- Saying no to new obligations, if possible.

**Numbers to Know**

**Career Management Center**  
Internships, employment  
757.683.4388

**Housing and Residence Life**  
on-campus housing  
757.683.4283

**Office of Finance**  
Billing, payments  
757.683.3030

**Police Department**  
safety, emergencies  
757.683.4000

**Student Health Services**  
flu shots, health exams  
757.683.3132

**Student Transition and Family Programs**  
Parents’ Association, orientation  
757.683.3428

**Transportation and Parking Services**  
parking, shuttle buses  
757.683.4004