Greetings to all!! As the semester winds down, here are some things you may find helpful:

1. **Spring 2016 Registration**
   Early registration for Spring 2016 is over, however, you may still sign up for classes using Campus Connection up through **January 21, 2016**. If you have not registered for spring semester yet, DO IT NOW! Waiting until finals week or later to register will seriously limit your choices as most classes are full or nearly full!!! If you need to double check things, I have plenty of appointment times available for the rest of the semester. **There are now 2 ways to make appointments with me:**
   - Call the main office of the College of Arts & Sciences at **777-2749** during regular business hours
   - Reserve an appointment online using the **Starfish** system: https://und.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html

   Please remember, I do not make my own appointments by e-mail or phone!!

2. **Closed classes, labs and wait lists**
   If you are still doing some schedule tweaking, here are a few things to keep in mind:
   - If there are still **open sections** of the lecture or lab of a course you want or need (even if they are not at the time, or have the instructor you want) **try to work your schedule around so you can sign up for them** - rather than pinning your hopes on getting into a closed course!
   - If you find that **all lecture sections** of a course are closed, you may still be able to get in. **Check with the instructor of the course** to see if they are using a wait list or will give you an immediate override.
   - If you find that **all lab sections** of a course are closed, this is a different story. Generally, you cannot get an override into a full lab - once a lab is full, there is no more physical space or equipment for extra students. **Check with the instructor of the course** to see how to proceed.

   The electronic wait list feature offered by Campus Connection is pretty easy to use and many classes offer this option. It is automatic - if someone drops out of a closed class/lab, the next person on the wait list for that specific section is automatically added to the class/lab by Campus Connection. **Important FYI:** you won’t be notified if you are added to a lecture/lab section from an electronic waitlist, so keep checking your schedule on Campus Connection for updates. If you have questions about how to get on an electronic wait list, **One-Stop** or the **Student Success Center** can help.

3. **Advising over Christmas break**
   I am only in my office when students are on campus so I will not be available for advising visits during Christmas break. Please make sure any concerns or questions you have for next semester are dealt with before **December 18th** - otherwise you will have to wait until **January 11th**!

4. **2016 MCATers and Kaplan MCAT Review Course**
   This is your last chance to get on my **2016 MCATers e-mail list**. Please contact me if you are planning to take the test next spring so I can add you to my list serve.

   Registration for the **2016 Kaplan MCAT course** is now open. Registration instructions were sent to all 2016 MCATers before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions about the course, or if you have not received any e-mails regarding the course, please let me know. The deadline to register for the UND Kaplan MCAT Review course and receive the discounted price is **January 19, 2016**.

5. **DAT, OAT, GRE**
   If you are planning to take your DAT, OAT or GRE next spring or summer remember that since these tests are computerized, they are only offered at **specific testing sites**. Be sure to **register for the test** no later than the end of January. That way you will be sure to get a seat at your preferred testing site on your preferred date. Most sites offer several tests a week BUT only a seat or two each. Be sure to **take your first test** no later than **June 15th**. That way, if you need to retake it, you can do so before school here starts up again in August. Remember you must wait 90 days before retesting the DAT or OAT, and 60 days before retesting the GRE.
6. **Attention Freshman!! February is Freshmen Group Advising Month!!!!!**

Please remember I will be offering **required small group advising sessions** for **freshman Pre-Health students** (regardless of major) only during the month of February next semester. **You must attend one of these sessions to plan your schedule for Fall 2016 and stay in your Pre-Health program.**

Session times are as follows:

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You must call 777-2749 (main A&S office) **in December or January** to sign up for a session.

Each session:
- will only take 30 minutes, but I have planned an hour in case there are questions
- will be held in the **basement conference room** in **Montgomery Hall – Room 20**
- is limited to **10 students**, so call early to get your preferred date and time!

Remember:
- contact the main A&S office by phone (777-2749) to schedule yourself for a session
- if you discover you will need to miss the session you originally signed up for, please **notify the main A&S office as soon as possible** to reschedule
- if you miss your session for any reason, go ahead and sign up for another session - I will not e-mail information or scheduling advice covered in these sessions if you miss!
- if none of the session times work with your UND schedule, please contact the main A&S Office – I don’t want you skipping classes!!

7. **“CNA Work and the NNAAP Exam” info sheet is finally ready!**

Now that advising has slowed down, I have finally been able to finish my info sheet on getting certified as a CNA and the NNAAP (CNA) Exam. It is now posted on the Handouts page of my UND Pre-Health website. You can find it at: [http://arts-sciences.und.edu/pre-health/pre-health-handouts.cfm](http://arts-sciences.und.edu/pre-health/pre-health-handouts.cfm)

8. **Summer Opportunities for 2016** are already hitting my desk:

- **Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)** is a **FREE** (full tuition, housing, and meals) six-week summer academic enrichment program that offers freshman and sophomore college students intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. It is a national program funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with direction and technical assistance provided by The Association of American Medical Colleges and The American Dental Education Association. It runs at 12 program sites across the nation. SMDEP targets pre-med and pre-dent students (in their first two years of college) who are from rural areas, economically disadvantaged, or come from groups that have historically received substandard health care regardless of their racial or ethnic background. **Applications are available now and are due by March 1, 2016.**

To find out more, visit [http://www.smdep.org/](http://www.smdep.org/).

That is all for now – have a good finals week, safe travels, and a blessed Christmas!!

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