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

1. Spring 2017 Registration
Early registration for Spring 2017 is over, however, you may still sign up for classes using Campus Connection up through January 19, 2017. 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. Please remember, I do not make my own appointments by e-mail or phone!! Reserve a time online using the Starfish system: https://und.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html, or call our main office during regular business hours at 777-2749.

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 16th - otherwise you will have to wait until January 9th!

4. 2017 MCATers and 2017 Kaplan MCAT Review Course
This is your last chance to get on my 2017 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 2017 Kaplan MCAT course is now open. Registration instructions were sent to all 2017 MCATers this week. 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 17, 2017.

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 10th. 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 2017 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 **conference room** across from my office in the **old med school building**
- 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. **Summer Opportunities for 2017** are already hitting my desk. Here are a few:

- **Serious Fun Children’s Camps:** Hollywood legend and philanthropist Paul Newman started it all with one simple thought: Kids with serious illnesses should get a chance to simply be kids. He founded the **Serious Fun Children’s Network** which provides children living with serious illnesses a spectacular camp experience and high-quality medical care, all in the safest and most supportive environment. There are now 30 camps spread across the country that provide this experience **free of charge**. All the camps, **Victory Lane, Boggy Creek, and Hole in the Wall Gang** to name a few, need volunteers to run. If you are interested in doing this for the summer, check out their web page at: [http://www.seriousfunnetwork.org/about](http://www.seriousfunnetwork.org/about).

- **Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP)** is a **FREE** (full tuition, housing, and meals) six-week summer academic enrichment program that offers **freshman and sophomore college students** intensive and personalized health professional 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 13 program sites across the nation. SHPEP’s goal is to strengthen the academic proficiency and career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and prepare them for a successful application and matriculation to health professions schools. These students include, but are not limited to, individuals who identify as African American/Black, American Indian and Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino, and who are from communities of socioeconomic and educational disadvantage. **Applications are available now and will be viewed on a rolling basis beginning December 19th, 2016. The final due date is March 1, 2017.** To find out more, visit: [http://www.shpep.org/](http://www.shpep.org/).

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

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