Welcome back - I hope you all had a restful break! Here’s the news for January...

1. **Attention Seniors Graduating in May 2014**
If you plan to graduate this coming May, don’t forget that you need to fill out an **application to graduate**. They are available online at: [http://und.edu/student-affairs/commencement/](http://und.edu/student-affairs/commencement/). Graduation info is also available on that page. Remember, the deadline to apply to graduate is **February 11**th. If you do not apply to graduate, you will not graduate!!!!!!!!

2. **Other Dates and Deadlines for this semester:**
   - **January 23, 2014**
     - Last date to **add a full term class or to drop a class without it showing up on your transcript** - any classes dropped after that will have a **W** listed on your transcript
   - **April 11, 2014**
     - Last date to **drop a full term class**
     - Last date to **switch a class to S/U grading** - remember, you need an advisor signature (or Dean’s signature if you have completed less than 24 credits) to take advantage of this. You may take no more than 30 credits as S/U, and **you may not take any classes required for your major or postgraduate plans this way unless you plan to retake them for a grade later on**

3. **Summer and Fall Class Schedules**
   - The preliminary **Summer 2014** class schedule will be posted on Campus Connection on **February 3**rd
   - The **Fall 2014** class schedule will be posted on Campus Connection on **March 3**rd

4. **Early Registration for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 will be here before you know it!!!**
   - Registration appointment times will be posted on your Campus Connection account on **April 4**th
   - Early Registration for both **Summer 2014** and **Fall 2014** begins on **April 7**th!
     - Remember to take care of any “Holds” so you can register on time
     - **Do not wait until the end of the semester to register**...classes will be closed!
   - If we didn’t meet last fall, or if you want to meet with me to discuss things for this summer or next fall, do not **wait until registration starts to schedule an appointment** – come in now! I have lots of open appointment times now and things will get hectic after Spring Break!!

5. **February is Freshmen Advising Month!!! Plan your 2014 Summer and 2014 Fall now!!**
   - Freshmen... if you plan to finish here in **5 years** because of major or athletic or ROTC commitments, you may make an individual appointment to see me for schedule planning sometime during the month of February.
   - Freshmen... if you plan to finish here in **4 years**, you need to sign up for a **group advising session** for schedule planning (regardless of your major). **You must attend one of these sessions before I will see you one-on-one again next year.** Sessions are offered on **Fridays throughout February**. Call the main office of the College of Arts and Sciences at 777-2749 **ASAP** to pick a time (do not e-mail me). Sessions are limited to **10 students** and are filling up fast! Dates and times are as follows:

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*Please call our main office (777-2749) to discuss alternatives if none of the above times fit into your schedule!
6. Last semester’s grades not quite what you hoped for? Check out the Student Success Center!

The Student Success Center, located on the second floor of the Memorial Union, offers services and instruction to help students succeed academically. The services include Drop-in Tutoring, Study Skills Handouts and Online Tutorials, and Individual Study Skills Assistance. The folks over there are wonderful - check out what they have to offer at their website:  http://und.edu/student-affairs/student-services/.

7. New faces in the A&S Office!

As many of you know, Monica Arvidson left our office in November after 12 years of service. Her very capable, and equally cheerful replacement is Annette Glennon. Annette comes to us from Computer Science where she spent 10 years in a similar position. Annette will be the primary phone answerer and greeter for our office. Be sure to say welcome to her when you stop in!!

Another new face in the office is Kristi Bruggeman. Kristi comes to us from the Accounting end of Dining Services. Although Kristi will be working primarily on the financial side of things for our college, she may occasionally answer the phone or help you out if you stop by. Be sure to welcome her too!!

8. Summer Opportunities

Summer opportunities are already hitting my desk – remember, if you are Pre-Med and plan to apply to a top tier med school, research experience is needed for most of them. Check out the following programs:

NIH Internships
For more info, see their website:  http://www.jobs.nih.gov/vacancies/student/default.htm

Summer Internship at the CDC
CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) are offering a 10-week summer internship program for students who are passionate about the environment, interested in human health, and curious about how they are linked. Applications are due January 29th. For more info, or an application, visit:  www.cdc.gov/nceh/cleh

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 1st. To find out more, visit  http://www.smdep.org/.

Summer research opportunities at UND

There are a range of research opportunities for students offered in any given summer. Check with individual professors now to see if they need help in their lab. You may also want to apply to participate in one of the more formal programs on campus. Look under the following links:

  EPSCoR AURA Program:  http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor/programs/soar.htm
  • applications available in early February 2014
  REU Program:  http://www.dozelab.com/reu/
  • check with Dr. Doze in the UND SMHS (777-4490) on application availability now – they are usually due at the beginning of March

That’s all for now – welcome back and have a great semester!

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