

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/4 Mid-Semester Grade Checks Due**
3/4 Last Day to DROP/AUDIT classes
3/7 Participation Grant Applications due.
3/10 SSS Workshop
3/14-18 Spring Semester Break
3/21 Summer registration Begins
3/24 SSS Workshop
4/1 Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
4/7 **SSS Banquet**
4/11 Fall registration Begins
4/21-22 SSS College Tour
4/28 Classwork ends
4/29 Finals
5/2-5 Finals
5/6 Commencement
5/9 14 week summer semester begins
5/16 5 week summer term begins

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID TIPS

When applying for financial aid, **APPLY ONLINE**. What are the benefits of applying electronically? According to the U.S. Department of Education, FAFSA on the Web is:

1. **Faster.** It may take only days to process instead of weeks.
2. **More Efficient.** By using skip logic based on your particular information, you will need to answer fewer questions.
3. **More Accurate.** You are walked through the form, and answers are checked before you submit your application
4. **Convenient.** Formatted for Windows and Apple computers, it can be accessed anywhere using Netscape and Microsoft browser versions.
5. **APPLY NOW.** The sooner you apply the better off you will be. If there are any problems, they can be resolved long before school begins in August.

FAFSA on the Web doesn't require software to be installed and can support unlimited users so thousands can apply at once. www.fafsa.ed.gov

Bring in a copy of your FAFSA confirmation to the SSS offices.

MID-TERM GRADE CHECKS DUE ***Friday March 4, 2011***

Mid-semester grade checks are due Friday, March 4, 2011. As an SSS participant, this is one of the required activities for all students. Included with this newsletter is a mid-term grade check form. A form will also be e-mailed to you, or you can download a form from the SSS website or pick up a form on the bulletin board across from the SSS Offices. **The last day to drop or audit classes is Friday, March 4, 2011.** By completing the grade check and meeting with an SSS advisor, they can review the grade check and inform you if it is in your best interest to drop, audit or stay in a class.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

SPRING SSS PARTICIPATION GRANT DEADLINE MARCH 7

In order to receive an SSS Participant Grant award for Spring Semester, you must have your application to Larry Esplin, NIB 104, by Monday, March 7 by 3:00 p.m. You must have a Pell Grant, attended or viewed the Financial Aid workshop attended one additional workshop and submitted a mid-semester grade check to be eligible. The applications are on the SSS web page and on the bulletin board outside the SSS offices. **No late applications will be accepted.**

If you were a new SSS participant this past fall, this is the first semester you can receive these funds. If you were new to SSS in January, your application will be due April for summer term if funds are available. See Larry Esplin for more information. First Summer term begins May 16, 2011.

The value of higher education and creating a purpose in life:

- Discover purpose in life and a sense of meaning
- Graduate successfully
- Attend the college of your choice
- Develop a broad base of key life skills
- Learn important financial and money management skills
- Build job skills and workplace readiness
- Have meaningful relationships
- Successfully resolve conflicts
- Avoid bad choices and stay out of trouble
- Stay out of debt and build savings
- Find and succeed in meaningful jobs
- Earn enough to create a comfortable life
- Own your own home
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...and much more, to realize all the success and happiness due them with

A GOOD EDUCATION.

TRANSFER CHECKLIST

1. Complete Admission Application: include the application fee; do not send cash.
2. Send Official Academic Transcript: Request official transcripts to be sent to transfer institution from all colleges or universities attended. If transferring fewer than 24 semester hours, submit official high school transcripts plus ACT or SAT scores.
3. Complete Scholarship Application: Attach a copy of an **official** transcript. Must be received by the deadline. Contact departments to see if an interview or audition should be scheduled.
4. Contact Financial Aid Office: Send financial aid transcripts. Complete the appropriate need-based aid application (FAFSA).
5. Seek Advisement: Meet with a college or departmental advisor.

Registration for Summer Semester begins March 21, 2011

Set up an appointment to register early with any of the SSS advisors. The summer class schedule is now online.

1st 5-week term May 16- June 17

2nd 5-week term June 20– July 22

8 week term May 31- July 22

14 week term May 9– August 12

Summer PELL is now available for PELL recipients.

Registration for Fall Semester begins April 11, 2011

Review your student graduation plan (SGP) and think of the classes you will need to graduate. Classes begin August 22, 2010.

NORTHERN UTAH COLLEGE TOUR SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21 & 22

For those students who have not signed up for the Spring College Tour, come by Jonathan's office, NIB 103, and let him know if you are interested in going. We will leave Thursday and return on Friday. We have scheduled April 21 – 22, 2011. SSS pays for your food and lodging.

We will visit BYU, UVU, UofU, WSU and USU. We will stay Thursday night at the Crystal Inn in Logan. A \$10 deposit is required for the SSS staff to make appointments at the universities. This money will be refunded when the student arrives for the tour.

This is a great way to visit the other institutions in the state and decide where you want to go before sending in your application. There are six places on each van, so first come first serve for sophomores. Two students have already signed up.

SPRING SEMESTER MID-TERM GRADE CHECKS DUE Friday, March 4

Included with this newsletter is the Spring Semester mid-term grade check. You have just over a week to get each of your college instructors to sign your grade check and evaluate your academic progress.

After having each instructor sign your paper, you will need to turn it into Susan Garner, Larry Esplin or Jonathan Morrell.

If you received a participation grant, you must have this completed and turned in by Friday, March 4, 2011.

If you plan to apply for a spring or summer participation grant your mid-semester grade check is due Friday, March 4, 2011.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF CLASS NOTES

Before the lecture

- Separate your notes for each class into different folders or tabs.
- Write the name and date of the class on the first sheet for each lecture.
- Review the previous session notes and the current chapter in your text.
- Adopt a strategy for taking notes (ex: Cornell system, outline format, mind maps)

During the lecture

- Do not perform other activities during the lecture (ex: another course's homework)
- Develop your own shorthand technique. It doesn't have to be pretty, just legible.
- Mark areas that the instructor emphasizes by underlining, circling or highlighting.
- Make sure to take down examples that are presented. Mark with an EX:
- Paraphrase; look for common themes.

After the lecture

- Review your notes as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours.
- Rewrite or type your notes.
- Formulate possible test questions based on your notes.
- Write a brief summary of the lecture notes.
- Compare your notes with other students; fill in the missing gaps.

MARKING YOUR TEXTBOOKS

You've been told not to write in books, but the \$90 textbook is YOURS! Now mark it!

Many students find that underlining or highlighting is an effective way to help them remember and find textbook material. Since all of the markings occur in the textbook rather than a notebook, it is easy to study between classes or for other short periods of time.

SURVEY—Scan the material, chapter titles, headings, subheads, illustrations, diagrams and captions.

READ—Beginning with the first section, turn each heading into a question in your mind or write the answer in the margin of the textbook. Then read to find the answer.

MARK—When you have finished reading a section, go back and identify the topic sentence. Underline or highlight only those words in the section that convey the main idea. Do not underline complete sentences. Do not read and mark at the same time! If you do, you will not remember the material as well.

REVIEW—Check to see if the material you marked is clear and meaningful. Be careful when you review to read the highlighted main ideas and details as well as your comments and notes. Feel free to add new comments. By the time an exam rolls around, revise your initial markings and details, and this will reinforce the material for an exam.

Textbook marking is a skill that is a learned process. The more you do, the better you get.

Selected A Career Yet?

As students progress through college, constant questions arise, "What is your major?" and "What are you going to do once you graduate?" For many students these questions are still a mystery. That is where SSS can help. The SSS staff is available to help find answers to these questions.

The reality of today's workplace requires you to take full responsibility for your career path. Our society has become accustomed to speed, but career planning takes time and requires you to slow down enough to consider some tough questions. Time has become one of life's precious resources. As you approach career selection, many times you demand, "Just tell me what I should do!" But if you give yourself some time and attention as you examine the following options, you are more likely to find solid enduring answers.

One of the challenges of career planning is to take the time to do it right. We recommend that you set aside at least two hours to review and work through activities in one of the following career guides and visit an SSS staff or Kathy Kinney at the Career Center to help you get started.

\$ SCHOLARSHIP SITES \$

Most students are always looking for ways to get more money to go to school. Here is a very comprehensive list of scholarship sites to help you finance your education.

General Financial Aid and Scholarship Sites:

www.finaid.org
 www.fastweb.com
 www.collegeboard.org
 www.collegenet.com/mach25
 www.salliemae.com
 www.wiredscholar.com
 www.collegeview.com
 www.collegenet.com

Specific Scholarship Sites

www.freschinfo.com	School Search
www.fafsa.ed.gov	Federal Student Aid
www.gmsp.org	Bill Gates
www.embark.com	College Links and more
www.free-4u.com	Various
www.faam.org	Calendar, & Aid Info
www.collegequest.com	Apply to 1200 Colleges
www.plato.org	Student Loans
www.finaid.org	Aid Estimator & Search
www.collegescholarships.com	
www.fastaid.com	Private– Sector
www.collegeboard.org	
www.chase.com/educationfirst	Bank Info
www.blackstudentfund.org	Black student fund
www.unconf.org	United Negro College Fund

Planning on Summer Term?

Now is the time to start thinking about summer term. SSS registration begins March 22. Classes during the summer are longer but the term is shorter. Six to nine credits is considered a full load during summer term.

SPRING SSS Participation Grants

The application for Spring Participation Grants Applications are due Friday, March 5th. The applications are on the bulletin board outside the SSS offices in the NIB. You must have a PELL grant and have your mid-semester grade checks turned in to be considered. You must have a 2.5 GPA.

TEN SECRETS TO SUCCESS

1. Make a 5-year plan
2. Always be open to learn new things
3. Shrug off your setbacks
4. Stand for integrity
5. Keep yourself in good physical shape
6. Realize that you, not others, ultimately control your success
7. Celebrate your achievements
8. Brainstorm alternatives to tough decisions
9. Develop a support network
10. Remind yourself that every day is a new opportunity

Time Management Quiz

- Y N Do you estimate how many hours you will need to study each week?
 Y N Do you meet assignment deadlines?
 Y N Do you begin working on semester long projects early in the semester?
 Y N Do you write a daily "to do" list?
 Y N Do you prevent social activities from interfering with your study time?
 Y N Do you have a job that requires fewer than 10 hours a week?
 Y N Do you set specific goals for each study period?
 Y N Do you begin your study time with your most difficult assignment?
 Y N Do you complete most of your studying during your most productive hours each day?
 Y N Do you think of being a full-time student as you would a full-time job?

How many "YES" answers do you have???

9-10: Using very effective time management techniques 7-8 Not bad... could improve a little

6-7: Could really benefit from learning time management skills 5 or below: Listen very carefully today and take good notes (You need help!!!!)

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http://new.dixie.edu/trio/student_support_services.php

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**SEMESTER BREAK March 14 - 18
LAST DAY TO DROP OR AUDIT CLASSES—March 4, 2011**

Check ON-LINE for Campus Events and Activities

<http://www.dixie.edu/pr/calendar.htm>

Check out all the Dixie State College activities and events at :

dcsa.dixie.edu - Home base for student involvement
dcsa.dixie.edu/clubs - Dixie State Club information
dcsa.dixie.edu/studentlife - What is going on @ DSC
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