DATES TO REMEMBER

- **3/6** Last Day to Drop individual Class
- **Mid-semester grade check due**
- **3/9-13** Spring Break
- **3/23** Fall Class schedule available online
- **Summer Registration open to TRiO students**
- **4/10** Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
- **4/13** Fall Registration open to TRiO students
- **4/16-17** Northern Utah University Tour
- **4/29** Classwork ends
- **4/30** Reading Day
- **5/1** Associates Degree Summer Deadline
- **Final Exams**
- **5/4-7** Final Exams
- **5/8** Commencement

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.
6. **Link to your or your parents federal income tax transcript.** 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.

**View the 2015 SSS Financial Aid workshop at:**
http://vstream.dixie.edu/DSC/Play/7d0596ad7fa149bc9996e9b8ec83e981d

MID-SEMESTER GRADE CHECKS DUE

**Friday, March 6, 2015**

Mid-semester grade checks are due Friday, March 6, 2015. As an SSS participant, this is one of the required activities for all students. A form was 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 6, 2015. 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.

If you received a participation grant for fall semester, we require the grade check for spring!
DSU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Current/Continuing students are those students who are currently attending Dixie State University but did not receive an Academic Scholarship upon admission as a freshman. Students who have earned good grades at DSU are eligible for scholarship consideration based on meeting the following requirements:

- Utah resident
- Minimum of 30 credit hours completed at DSU.
- Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.3 or above, earned at DSU.
- Applicants must not be receiving any other scholarships awarded by DSU, or associated agencies.
- Awards require full-time enrollment (15 CREDITS) in eligible programs.
- Award amounts may vary depending on number of applications and availability of funds.

See: http://new.dixie.edu/financial/scholarships/currentreturning_student_scholarships.php

Deadline is April 15, 2015

Need-Based scholarships are available to students with unusual circumstances. Students are required to complete a FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) prior to being considered for any need-based monies. Personal interview and documentation of circumstances may be required on a case-by-case basis. Need-based scholarships are awarded year to year based on FAFSA information.

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

...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.
5. Seek Advisement: Meet with a college or departmental advisor.
Registration for Summer Semester begins
March 23, 2015
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 18- June 19
8 week term June 1- July 23
2nd 5-week term June 22- July 23
14 week term May 11 August 14

Registration for Fall Semester begins
April 13, 2015
Review your student graduation plan (SGP) and think of the classes you will need to graduate. Classes begin August 24, 2015. Fall schedule will be on-line March 23th.

NORTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TOUR SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16 & 17
For those students who have not signed up for the Spring University Tour, come by Jonathan’s office, Browning 119, and let him know if you are interested in going. We will leave Thursday and return on Friday. We have scheduled April 16 – 17, 2015. SSS pays for your food and lodging. We will visit 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 in each van, so first come first served for sophomores. Eight students have already signed up.

SPRING SEMESTER MID-TERM GRADE CHECKS DUE
Friday, March 6
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 in to Mace Jacobson, Larry Esplin or Jonathan Morrell.

If you received a participation grant, you must have this completed and turned in by Friday, March 6, 2015.

If you plan to apply for a summer participation grant your mid-semester grade check is due Friday, March 6, 2015.
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 $120 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 com-
ments. 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 be-
come 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 follow-
ing 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 staff at
the Career Center (fifth floor on the Holland Centennial Commons) 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
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.gmsp.org
- www.embark.com
- www.free-4u.com
- www.faam.org
- www.collegequest.com
- www.plato.org
- www.finaid.org
- www.collegescholarships.com
- www.fastaid.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.chase.com/educationfirst
- www.blackstudentfund.org
- www.uncf.org

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!!!!!)

Planning on Summer Term?

Now is the time to start thinking about summer term. SSS registration begins March 23th. Classes during the summer are longer but the term is shorter. Six to nine credits is considered a full load during summer term.

Summer SSS Participation Grants

The application for summer Participation Grants Applications are due Friday, April 24th. The applications are on the bulletin board outside the SSS offices in the Browning. 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. This is contingent on federal funding.
Check out the Scholarship list on the SSS Website

SEMESTER BREAK March 9 - 13
LAST DAY TO DROP OR AUDIT CLASSES—March 6, 2015

FREE TAX PREPARATION

What: Free Tax Preparation services sponsored by Dixie State University, the IRS' volunteer income tax assistant program, and the Five-County Associate of Governments Free e-file for Federal and State Tax Returns.

Who: Individuals of all ages with a wide range of tax-return are welcome, especially low- and middle-income individuals.

When: Starting Tuesday, February 3, 2015 through March 5 Tuesdays and Thursdays and March 17 through April 14 Tuesdays only from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM

Where: Room 127 of the Udvar-Hazy Building

Why: The program assists Accounting students gain practical experience prior to first employment. Facilitate free-of-charge return of State and Federal Refunds back into the community

What You Should Bring:
- Social security cards for each individual appearing in your tax returns;
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2) from all employers; SSA-1099, showing Social Security Benefits; all types of 1099 forms; 1099-B forms, accompanied by documentation showing the original asset purchase prices and sales proceeds.
- Form 1098 documenting your mortgage interest, mortgage insurance payments, and property tax payments; documentation to verify medical expenses, charitable contributions, and child care payments; any other relevant documentation related to your income and deductions;
- A copy of your 2010 tax return;
- Bank accounting and bank routing number, both of which can be found on a check from your checkbook, if you want an automatic deposit of your Federal and State Tax Refunds into your checking account.