



January & February Newsletter

Students,

We are five weeks into the semester and I want to share with you some useful tips to help you be successful. We often hear from students that they need help with note taking and study skills. Here are some easy suggestions when it comes to these two things. These are easy ideas to implement, and I recommend you take a couple of these ideas and focus on them so that you can have a successful semester.

Remember, take advantage of the resources available to you. We are here to help you and look forward to seeing you on a regular basis.

~Lisa

NOTE TAKING SKILLS:

- Go to class prepared.
- Pre-read the chapter.
- Download any lecture slides.
- Keep one notebook for each class.
- Start a new page for each lecture.
- Leave space when taking notes.
- Reduce and rewrite soon after class.

EIGHT USEFUL STUDY STRATEGIES:

- 1) GO TO CLASS!
- 2) Good notes = good grades.
- 3) Stay organized.
- 4) Unplug—set up a distractions free zone.
- 5) Study with others.
- 6) Don't cram—review your notes on a weekly basis.
- 7) Use your breaks in between classes to review notes.
- 8) Take breaks when studying.



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SSS Scotties!

We are quickly approaching the halfway mark of the spring semester. With that in mind, please make sure you are utilizing the great tutors we have available to you here in SSS. Students in SSS are able to visit with any of our tutors, but there are tutors specifically for SSS students (Cameron Hefner, Amber Hildebrand, McKinley Jeanneret, Rachel Lemke, and Phillip Simmonds) and our great Math and English Specialists- Michelle Hurn and Joy Meyer.

Highland Tutors

Visit Irvin Hall for assistance
with your classes from our
amazing Tutors

Come by to pick up a Tutor Brochure to see our hours. Each of our tutors have their areas of specialties, so please come check with Justine Salgado if you have a specific class you are needing help with. We are happy to help so please come on by!

Top Questions Transfer Students Ask.....

When do I need to apply?

It can vary from school to school but generally if you plan to start in the fall, early admission is November the year before you start. Most financial aid and scholarship deadlines begin in February and March the semester before you begin.

What is transcript evaluation? What do I need? How long does it take?

Transcript evaluation is the process in which a student's new college determines which credits the student earned at their old institution will transfer and how. Students must send their official transcripts from all previously-attended colleges. Usually if a student transfers with 24 plus credit hours they will not need high school transcripts or ACT scores. Once the university receives the transcript it can take 2-3 week to get the evaluation back.

What kind of credits typically will not transfer?

Credits earned at unaccredited institutions, credits for remedial courses (fundamentals courses, for example) and credits for technical courses generally do not transfer.

Will my financial aid transfer?

Federal financial aid, like the Pell Grant, will apply to any accredited institution. Students receiving private scholarships should check with the granting organization to see if the funding will follow them to their new college. You will need to add the new school's federal code to your FAFSA.



Happy Birthday!

January

- 1/5- Jalen Johnson
- 1/6- Naricuss Driver
- 1/7- Cecil Trigg
- 1/13- Kaylee Mullins
- 1/19- Lyric Smith
- 1/21- Antonio Smith
- 1/22- Tadaisha Pitts
- 1/23- Brooklynn McGaughy
- 1/28- Alexis Hodapp
- 1/28- Robert Jones
- 1/31- Austin Tousand

February

- 2/2- Terry Purifoy
- 2/7- Rebecca Craig
- 2/8- Jaquez Washington
- 2/10- TreNez Wilkinson
- 2/16- Brayden Seimears
- 2/23- Mikkia Keller

Upcoming Events!

- Week of Feb. 25- TRiO Week
- Feb 28th- Info. Meetings 11am & 3:30pm!
- March 7th- Peru State College Transfer Visit
- March 20th- Dinner Theatre

Past Events!

- Valentine's Day Workshop
- Missouri Western Workshop

Meet the Staff!



Joy, Justine, Lisa, Kristen, Kim, Michelle

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