Midterm Reminders and Tips

As mid-term arrives, many first year students are taking their first college level test or submitting their first major paper. Some students are getting back their first grades and may or may not need a boost of self-confidence and some suggestions for study tips. Now is a good opportunity to remind first year students about academic resources like tutoring and supplemental instruction (SI) as well as services available for students with specialized learning needs. You might also want to remind students about the Writing Center, Math Lab, and/or Digital Media Lab.

Consider sharing a few of your best study strategies or favorite study locations. You might even invite your first years to join you for a study session and show them how to reserve a group study room in CLC or Smith.

Important Dates

Academic Advising for Spring 2016 semester begins on Monday, October 17th.

I DONUT Know What I Want To Do will take place on Wednesday, October 19th from 3:00-4:00pm in the Center for Diversity & Inclusion (2nd Floor GSC). Let your first years know that they can drop by, grab a donut and talk with a career coach and academic advisor about a major that is right for them!

Graduate School & Year-of-Service Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 25th from 4-6pm in the Cintas Center. First year students can learn about opportunities to spend 1-2 years working for and with others after graduation or learn the process of applying to grad school to better plan ahead for the future.

Student Government Association Executive Ticket Elections will begin on Wednesday, October 26th at 8:00am and end on Thursday, October 27th at 4:00pm voting occurs at Xavier.edu/elections

Highlight Event: Muskies After Dark Halloween Edition

Friday, October 14 9:00pm until 1:00am

Celebrate Halloween early with SAC at muskies after dark Halloween edition in Gallagher. Free food, entertainment and activities will be provided for a night of fun!

Spotlight Event: Family Weekend

Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23

Family Weekend is the perfect time for students to invite their parents and siblings to explore their home-away-from home and experience life on Xavier’s campus. Families can choose from a variety of events and are invited to participate in as many or as few of the events as they choose. It is a great opportunity for students and families to come together to experience the Xavier community.

Transition Tip: Advising and Registration

- Academic advising for Priority Registration takes place starting October 17. Remind your first years to make an appointment to meet with their academic advisor to select, discuss and approve courses for Spring 2016. They can call the advisor’s office or use the sign-up sheets available in many advisors’ offices or posted on their doors. If they do not know the name of their academic advisor, they should check the self-service website and select the “View Student Information” option.
- Help your first years check the online schedule of classes and make a preliminary schedule of classes. When you go to see your academic advisor bring your notes, advisors will review course selections, sign the registration form and keep one copy. Students can check their registration time on self-service website under “Registration Status”. Registration can be done either in person or online.

Peer Mentor Reminders:

1. Catch up with your first years students! Welcome them back to campus after their first Fall Break. Ask if they did anything fun or if they had any concerns returning to campus.
2. Invite your students to attend a club or on campus event with you or help them find a way that they can get involved on campus.

Sit with Us App

Xavier supports "Sit With Us", an app that connects students to meet up for meals. See our website for more dates and times this week. Call Student Success at 513-745-3006 with questions. http://www.xavier.edu/student-success/Sit-With-Us-App.cfm