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IMPORTANT DATES

- December 5**
Last Day of Classes
- December 8 – 13**
Final Exams
- December 14**
Commencement
- January 17**
First Saturday Classes Begins
- January 19**
Martin Luther King Day (University Holiday)
- January 20**
First Weekday Classes
- January 23**
Last Day to Add Classes (at 8:00 pm)
- January 30**
Last Day to Drop Classes (at 8:00 pm)
- January 31**
Parent Tailgate Party
- February 16**
Presidents' Day (University Holiday)
- March 9 -15**
Mid-Term Grades
- March 15 – 22**
Spring Break
- March 23**
Classes Resume
- April 3**
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes (at 8:00 pm)
- May 8**
Last Day of Classes
- May 9 – 15**
Final Exams
- May 16**
Commencement

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Financial Aid Update: Academic Year 2009-2010

The Financial Aid Office hopes that you and your son/daughter are having a successful semester as we wrap up fall 2008. As many of you are aware, while the financial aid office is busy preparing for disbursement of spring semester financial aid, we are also preparing to provide assistance for the 2009-2010 academic year. We are providing a financial aid timetable for you and your student. We want to be sure that you complete the FAFSA in a timely manner in order that you have ample time to plan and coordinate your preparation for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Financial Aid Timetable for 2009-2010

December 2008

Gather your income information in order to complete your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Be sure you have the Federal PIN assigned to you when you filed your 2008-2009 FAFSA. You should have a student and a parent PIN for each student filing. To access a forgotten PIN or request a PIN for the first time, filers can visit the Federal student aid pin website at www.pin.ed.gov.

January 2009

As soon after January 1, 2009 as possible, complete your 2009-2010 FAFSA that is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The CSU federal code is 003032. Use your estimated income for 2008 if you have not completed your federal tax return.

February 2009

The priority consideration date for filing the 2009-2010 FAFSA is February 15, 2009. The priority date for filing the Continuing Student Scholarship application is February 15, 2009. The Continuing Scholarship application is available online at www.csuohio.edu/fao. Go to forms to download.

March 2009

If requested, submit signed 2008 federal tax returns and the CSU verification worksheet (available to download at www.csuohio.edu/fao). Mail your documents to the Financial Aid Office (Mailing Address: Financial Aid Office, Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue KB 1300, Cleveland, OH 44115-2214) or drop-off your documents at Campus411, located at 1899 East 22nd Street, Main Classroom, Room 116.

June 2009

Financial aid award notifications are mailed to all continuing students whose financial aid files are complete.

July 2009

Remember to return the signed financial aid award letter to CSU by July 1st for timely processing.

The Financial Aid Office is required by federal law to monitor a student's progress toward completion of a degree. Each semester the Financial Aid Office evaluates three components: grade point average, completion rate requirement, and maximum time frame for degree completion. The first semester that a student does not meet all three components, the student will be sent an e-mail warning notice and will be placed on a one semester financial aid probation period. Students who fail to successfully meet the standards the next semester will lose future financial aid eligibility. Students may petition for reinstatement of financial aid. All students are encouraged to become familiar with the Financial Aid Standards of Satisfactory Progress. The policy may be found online at www.csuohio.edu. Encourage your student to seek help from their academic advisor or request tutorial assistance if they are experiencing academic difficulties.

Financial Aid Staff

Advising and Support Updates

It seems hard to believe, but fall semester is quickly drawing to a close. With the winter break almost upon us, here is some important information related to your student's completion of their first semester.

Fall semester classes end on Friday, December 5. Final exams are held from December 8 through December 13. Final grades will be posted on or around December 17. All student grades are posted on CampusNet. There are no paper grade reports.

Although parents and family members are naturally interested in their student's academic progress, any information shared about your student's performance needs to come from the student. Due to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the University and academic advisors are not permitted to share grading information without a student's consent.

Hopefully, your student has had a good first semester grade-wise.

However, any student whose grade point average is below a 2.0 for the term will be placed on academic probation. CSU academic advisors will be very proactive in outreaching to all probationary students in the interest of providing as much help and support as possible to ensure that students get back on track academically. In addition, an advisor hold will be placed on all probationary students that will prevent probationary students from

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registering for classes until they meet with their advisor.

Spring semester 2009 classes begin on Saturday, January 17 (weekend classes) and Tuesday, January 20, 2009 (weekday classes). Registration

for spring semester began on November 3. We strongly encourage students to register for classes as soon as possible to ensure the best selection of classes. If your student has not yet registered for spring semester, any encouragement from

your end for the student to do so is appreciated!

On behalf of Cleveland State University, I wish you a happy holiday season!

David Bowditch
Director, University Advising

Advice from an
Orientation Leader:

“As the semester comes to an end and the holidays are approaching, CSU apparel and VikingCash make great gifts. Show your Viking Pride this season!”

Sara Andrews
Sociology major

Career Services: Helping Students Engage in Work

The Career Services Center (CSC) is available to CSU students enrolled in either full- or part-time degree programs. Career advisors help students locate Co-op experiences, internships and full- and part-time summer jobs during their time as undergraduates. Accessing career services can help your student engage in his or her career!

If your student is unsure of the career path he/she plans to pursue, Career Services offers many resources for undecided students. Students can meet individually with career advisors, or enroll in one of the career courses – Career Orientation, CSC 121 or Career Exploration, CSC 224. Students enrolling in these courses use various self- assessment tools and

exercises to learn about themselves and careers that match their interests and abilities.

Cooperative education (Co-op) enables students to gain hands-on experience in their field. Career Orientation (CSC 121) is a pre-requisite for a Co-op education experience, an important part of any CSU student's academic career.

Students can find help with writing resumes and cover letters, interview preparation and job search skills. Career Services offers a mock interview program that is a videotaped practice interview so that students receive immediate feedback from the practice interview. CSC's Internet-based job search system,

www.CSUCareerline.erecruiting.com, provides students the opportunity to search and apply for positions 24/7.

Twice a year Career Services hosts the largest career fair in Northern Ohio where students network with employers. In addition, a Career Fair for those interested in government and the public sector is ideal for students seeking to connect with potential government employers. Our On-Campus Recruiting Program is especially popular with both students and employers. We bring more than 100 employers to CSU each year to interview students from a variety of majors.

Paul Klein
Director, Career Services

Parent Connection

Hello Friends & Family! I am very excited to be a part of this newsletter! I just joined the Orientation staff in September 2008. My role as Parent & Family Services Specialist is to help you during Family Orientation and your transition to CSU. As family members, I am here to help you when you have a question about CSU. I may not know all of the answers, but I can help direct you to those that do! I am looking forward to your input on what is most valuable to you and services we can provide to you for the future. Here are some of the fun things we're working on now:

Parent Tailgate Party

Please join us for the first ever Parent Tailgate Party! We invite you and your student to a Viking Basketball double-header. Join us on Saturday, January 31st at the Wolstein Center to watch the Women take on UIC and the Men battle Wright State. The

first game starts at 5:00pm. Please set aside some of your Holiday savings to purchase a ticket to this great event! A ticket to the tailgate would make a great stocking stuffer for your student. Please SAVE THE DATE! More details to follow!

Parent Connection E-Newsletter

We hope you have been enjoying the Parent Connection E-Newsletter. It has been fun providing friends and family with valuable information about CSU. Please feel free to provide me with any topics you would like to see in future editions. Beginning in 2009 we will publish the newsletter on a quarterly basis. The next edition will arrive during the Spring Semester. Stay tuned to your in-boxes for the latest edition!

Parent Survey

I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to complete our Parent Survey last month. If you

haven't had a chance to complete the survey, please take a few minutes now and visit <http://eapps.csuohio.edu/orientation/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=3>. Your opinion is important to us.

Parent Panel

I am very excited to report that we had two of our Parent Ambassadors sit on a panel during Fall Visit Day. Over 600 students and family members came to learn about CSU and our Parent Ambassadors did a wonderful job representing CSU. A big thank you to Stacy & Darla for all the time they invested in CSU.

Thank you for this opportunity to work with you! I am excited about where our dedication to CSU takes us! Go Vikings!

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