



Stanislaus Family E-News

Stanislaus Parents Association
California State University, Stanislaus
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Important Dates and Information

Financial Aid Priority Filing Deadline for 2008-09
March 2

Spring Break- offices open, no classes
March 24-28

Cesar Chavez Day- campus closed
March 31

Warrior Day
May 9

Memorial Day- campus closed
May 26

Commencement
May 30 & 31

Summer Session A
June 9 – July 18

Summer Session B
July 21 –August 15

FAFSA Website
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Academic Advising News

Academic Probation

For many students, the first semester at the University did not end as they had hoped. Any student whose GPA falls below a 2.0 is placed on Academic Probation. It is very important that these students raise their GPA immediately. Students that continue on Academic Probation for over one semester are at risk of being disqualified from the University or of temporarily losing financial aid awards.

Here are some tips to share with your student on how to have a successful semester:

- Go to class every day.
- Visit your professor's office hours if you need extra help or clarification on course material.
- Utilize the Tutoring Center (in the library), it is free!
- Form a study group with your peers to study for exams.
- Review your schedule before the Census Date (March 13). Is it correct, do you need to drop any classes? Are you working too much?
- Ask your advisor if the Credit/No Credit grading option is a good choice for a class you are having trouble with.
- Stay focused, even if you failed one quiz or test. There is plenty of time to raise your grade.

Remedial Courses

Many freshman students were placed in Remedial English or Math courses. Remedial courses are pre-college level classes that a student must complete within one year of admission. Students admitted in Fall 2007 have until the end of Summer 2008 to complete all of the remedial coursework.

Before your student starts to plan his or her summer vacation, have a discussion about their remedial courses.

- Which Math and English classes are you enrolled in?
- What classes do you still need to take to complete your remediation coursework?
- Have you gotten a tutor (in the library) for these classes?
- Do you know what your current grade(s) is in your remedial classes?

Students in remedial courses typically get a hold placed on their registration that requires them to see the Remediation Coordinator in the Advising Resource Center. However, it is always the student's responsibility to make sure that they are fulfilling all requirements.

Students with a declared major should be seeing their faculty advisor in that department and all undeclared majors need to go to the Advising Resource Center, MSR 180.

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University's Quad Area Undergoes Major Renovation

For the first time since the California State University, Stanislaus campus opened at its current site in 1965, the centrally located Quad area is receiving a major facelift.

Work began in January on the project which will provide a new look to the heart of the campus and center of student outdoor activities and programs. Trees, which had become overgrown with roots that created stumbling blocks and prevented lawns from growing, were removed and the ground was leveled.

Student booths now have a new area to call home on the exterior of the section in front of the University Union where concrete strips have been installed. New trees and lawn are being planted in both sections, complemented by a new irrigation system, and an extensive number of benches are being erected around the perimeters. Lighting is also being installed.

Work is also progressing on the new University Bookstore between the University Union and the Student Services Building, with completion scheduled for this fall. A new Student Recreation Complex that will include a stadium, soccer field, track, and fitness center is scheduled for completion later this year.

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Safe Spring Break Tips

Spring Break is right around the corner (March 24 – 28). And, if your student is traveling to mark the occasion, whether it is to another country or to a nearby state, you can offer your son or daughter the following reminders to make sure he/she stays safe:

- **Don't accept any drinks from unknown origins-** No one ever knows if a colorless, odorless liquid "date rape drug" like GHB or Ketamine has been slipped into the drink with ill intent. If you choose to drink, know where your drink is coming from and don't trust strangers. Better safe than sorry!
- **Use the buddy system-** In a new place, you'll stay safest if you stick together.
- **Don't do anything illegal-** The consequences are dire if you get arrested, especially in a foreign country.
- **Wear sunscreen-** If you're doing an outdoor service project or lounging on the beach, sunscreen will prevent the burn that could ruin your break. Plus, it'll save your skin for the long run.
- **Protect your eyes-** Wear sunglasses with proper UV protection and also have a hat. Too much sun can damage your eyes.
- **Keep your wits about you-** Be smart with your personal safety and property. Carry your wallet close to your body so it's difficult to pickpocket you. Don't get so intoxicated that you make a bad decision and put yourself in a dangerous situation. Keep a clear head in order to keep yourself- and your friends- safe.
- **Don't go off with people you don't know-** Stick with your friends. Create a buddy system so some of you are never alone. There are times when trusting people you don't know can end in a tragedy. A safe Spring Break is very possible, as long as the students stay smart.

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