

Fall Welcome

2009 Student Engagement Session Schedule

Monday, August 31, 2009

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Tuesday, September 1st, 2009

All sessions will be offered from 1:30 – 2:20 pm and from 2:30 pm – 3:20 pm unless otherwise indicated. Sessions will be held in Bessey Hall and in Holden Hall in conjunction with the First Year Experience program.

Undergraduate Research & You

Location: 105 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: Korine Steinke, Coordinator Undergraduate Research, and Bob Coffee, Graduate Assistant, Office of Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate research is an opportunity for students to work closely with faculty on their research and scholarship. Taking on multiple forms, it can include lab based experimentation, a musical composition, an interactive video game, or an historical analysis. Participating in an undergraduate research project can help to develop analytical and communication skills, clarify career goals, and provide “hands-on” work experiences in an academic field. Come learn about what undergraduate research is and how you can find an opportunity that meets your interests and needs.

MSU Credit Union: Tips on Money Management

Location: 106 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: MSU Federal Credit Union

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Learning Resource Center/Writing Center: Linking yourself to valuable academic resources!

Location: 107 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: Learning Resource Center and the Writing Center

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Sports & Recreation for Everyone at MSU

Location: 111 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: Dennis Mayer, Intramural Sports and Recreative Services

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Encountering Cultures: MSU's Global Opportunities

Location: 112 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: Carlos Fuentes, OCAT; Inge Steglitz, Office of Study Abroad, and Jim Lucas, Office of Undergraduate Education

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Get Hooked up@the Libraries

Location: 304 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Department: MSU Libraries

Win prizes, and play an interactive game that will go over the services, features, and resources of the MSU Libraries. Learn how to save time, work smart, and research like a pro by taking advantage of your MSU Libraries- offering you access to millions of articles, books and electronic resources for your assignments, hundreds of computers, online research assistance, Collaborative Technology Labs, a coffee bar, and more! Also learn how to win a free iPod in the Fall!

Earn, Learn and Intern: Strategies for Lifetime Career Success

Location: 306 Bessey Hall

THIS SESSION WILL ONLY BE CONDUCTED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS & TIMES:

Monday, August 31st - 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1st – 2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Presenter/Department: Wendy Coduti, Office Career Services & Placement

This session will cover how to find a part-time job or internship on/off campus by utilizing MySpartanCareer.com as well as other Career Services resources including resumes, selecting a career, etc. Students will also learn how to find and prepare for upcoming job/career fairs held on campus. Don't miss this one!!!!

Success@State: Capitalizing Campus Resources

Location: 307 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Department: Jodi Roberto Hancock, MSU Women's Resource Center

One major key to college success is knowing and using YOUR RESOURCES! There are many people, places and prospects at the university that are here to help you make a successful transition to college life and succeed in reaching all your goals! We'll share many resources that exist on campus and offer tips on how to use them, where to find them and much more! The key is to know where the resources are and how to use them BEFORE you need them! So take the situation into your own hands and learn today! This will be an interactive presentation utilizing PowerPoint, survey results and audience participation.

“How to be a Technologically Savvy Spartan”

Location: 310 Bessey Hall

**THIS SESSION WILL ONLY BE CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY AT:
1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

Presenter/Department: Mark Rinella, Residence Life

Participants will learn how to use Angel, basic web design and beyond to enhance their academic success. In addition, students will discuss the impact of Facebook, My Space, Twitter, and Youtube in today's society. Learn what is new and fascinating in the Tech World. Don't miss this interactive workshop to learn the best strategies on how to be a **“technologically savvy Spartan”**.

The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly

Location: 313 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Department: Becky Allen and Emily Betros, Olin Health Center

While 25% of the MSU student body does not drink and the majority of students drink moderately, students may occasionally experience harm associated with alcohol use. This session focuses on how to reduce the risk of harm while still having a good time. The format for the session will be open discussion and students will be invited to share their opinions, experiences and wisdom confidentially and honestly. It is not a session about abstinence - it is a session about partying wisely, making your own choices about alcohol use and keeping yourself and your friends safe. The session is presented by the University's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Health Educator. A current MSU graduate student and an MSU alumnus will be on hand to share their experiences as well. Join us for a highly interactive workshop that will provide information on helping you adjust to campus life as it relates to reducing risky behaviors sometimes associated with engaging in the “party” scene. This workshop will focus on making wise decisions as you adjust to your new campus environment that will assist you in being a **“Safe Spartan”**, to help ensure that you make **“Good decisions”, not “Bad decisions”, so things don't “Get Ugly!”**

The Realities & Myths of Sexual Assault Prevention

Location: 314 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: Sexual Assault Program, Elizabeth Battiste, Amanda Griffin, and Katy Brookshire

Navigating the do's and don'ts of safety in a new living situation can be daunting. Let us help you through your transition. In this session, we will be dispelling the myths surrounding sexual assault and getting down to facts. Myths are created to keep each of us silent and in fear versus honest dialogue of empowerment and action. The session will also provide strategies for sexual assault prevention. We will also share information about our program's services and opportunities to build up your community and resume through volunteering. For more information call our 24 hour crisis line (517) 372-6666.

MSU Homecoming Court: (MSU's Best Kept Secrets)

Location: 316 Bessey Hall

Presenter/Office: MSU 2009-2010 Homecoming Court

College is a journey, not a guided tour. Join the MSU Homecoming court for a variety of interactive sessions that will provide you with the opportunity to explore how to make the most out of your college journey from members of the Homecoming Court. They will explore a variety of topics ranging from Involvement in Pre-Professional Organizations to getting involved during the University festivities, like Homecoming. They will also provide an opportunity to explore history, traditions, sports, academics, Sparty Funk, and potpourri aspects of Michigan State University by playing Spartan Trivia. Come prepared to learn more about these and other MSU related topics! **Don't miss these sessions!** The sessions are as follows:

Monday, August 31, 2009 1:30-2:20

Involvement in Pre-Professional Organizations

Presenters: Ryann Hayes, Kaushi Muthukuda, Megan Threats and Jake Lestan, MSU Seniors and members of the 2009-10 MSU Homecoming Court

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How to get Involved!(i.e. Homecoming)

Presenters: Jake Lestan and Nick Visconti

Tuesday, September 1st, 1:30-2:20 pm & 2:30-3:20 pm sessions:

Spartan Trivia (MSU's Best Kept Secrets!)

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