Dear Transfer Student,

Undergraduate Student Success and Transfer Transitions jointly create a monthly transfer student newsletter to keep you in-the-know about important opportunities, details that make UMass a smoother ride, and success strategies tailored to transfer students. Be sure to read about upcoming events below.

Resources

W.E.B. Du Bois Library

- Annette Vadnais, Student Success & Outreach Librarian
  - Annette is a valuable, easy-to-use resource to help you navigate the library and get the most out of its dozens of services. You can email Annette at staffsuccess@umass.edu or stop by the library to say hello (you can’t miss her signature purple hair!)

- Learning Resource Center
  - With drop-in tutoring hours and taking appointments, supplemental instruction for your classes, and help finding research opportunities, the LRC (Learning Resource Center) is the central academic support unit for all undergraduates at UMass.

FAFSA Help Days & Extra Hours

- Help Days: Thursdays 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Wilder Hall room 005
  - If you have a question about Financial Aid, you don’t need to figure it out yourself! All students, families, and community members can come in to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor for advice and FAFSA help.

- Extra Hours: Thursdays 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Wilder Hall room 005
  - Extra hours will be held on the first Thursday of each month to assist students, families, and community members with FAFSA renewals and other concerns. No RSVP required! Just walk in!

February Reflections

- What steps have you taken this semester to build a sense of community where you live? In what ways have you reached out to others to connect?
  - Example: connecting with your Roommate/Peer or RA in your residence hall, or visiting the Off Campus Student Center If you’re living off-campus.

- What topics have you most enjoyed learning about so far this semester? Why did you enjoy learning about those topics? What did you learn about them?
  - Example: the classroom, my residence hall, an extra-curricular activity, etc.

- Have you connected with anyone on campus who might help you in your major or field of study?
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Upcoming Events

Dignity and Respect in Action: Community Conversation

Today, March 5, 4 – 6 p.m., Campus Center Amherst Room

- Dignity and Respect in Action: Community Conversations (DARIA) are a series of events for students, faculty, and staff to come together and build skills to overcome division while telling stories about real issues affecting the campus and society at large. Themes explored so far include respectful dialogue and inclusion, feelings that arise when controversial speakers and topics are brought to campus, and difficult conversations in the classroom.

Off Campus Housing Advising Session

Monday, March 9, 6 – 2 p.m., Bartlett Hall room 103

- Looking for off campus housing? Need help with your housing situation? Have general off campus housing questions? Come to the next off campus housing advising session!

Library Workshop Series Spring 2020

Did you know that the W.E.B. Du Bois Library offers free workshops for students, staff and faculty? We highlight a couple of relevant options below, but be sure to click the link and scroll through all of the offerings this semester!

- Creative Commons 101: How to Find Images, Media and More For Your Projects
  - Wednesday, March 4, 1 – 2 p.m., or Wednesday April 8, 1 – 2 p.m.
  - Science and Engineering Library Classroom

- Archives 101
  - Thursday March 12, 2 – 3 p.m.
  - Location TBD

- How are you looking for images, videos, audio, or text to include in your projects? Do you want about where copyright might have expired on an image? Have you discovered that the perfect image for your book? Come join us to learn about Creative Commons (CC) Licenses and allow others to share their work for you to use with minimal restrictions. Learn about the different licenses, how to find things with CC licenses and how you can use those items in your work!

- Drop in, save big

- Smart About Money (SAM) offers weekly drop-in hours with two Peer Financial Educators from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the W.E.B. Du Bois Library's Learning Commons Stop in for quick and informal budgeting, saving or personal finance expertise.

We’d love to hear from you! We look forward to learning about you and how we can be of help. Email us at studentsuccess@umass.edu.

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