

Project Achieve November/December 2006

This newsletter is dedicated to the mission of Project Achieve, a Federal TRIO Student Support Services Program, and the accomplishments of Project Achieve Students

It is Now November, Where are Your Grades?

Ah, November: a time for being thankful, enjoying family gatherings, and watching football. Most of all, November is a time to make sure you have no missing assignments and have a game plan to prepare for finals. That's right a game plan to make sure you get the highest grades possible on your final exams. I have a few recommendations for you. (1) November must start with a realistic assessment of your current grade standing. This is not the time to "dream" about being in "A" status; you must know for sure what your present grade standing is in each class. When in doubt, ask your professor! (2) If you liked what you heard from your professor, your previous two months of study are working; just continue what you are doing. If you were frightened by what your professor told you it is not too late to STUDY! According to Webster's New Compact Office Dictionary 2003, study is defined as "earnest effort, deep thought, understanding by reading to acquire knowledge". Might I also add study is also **committed time over time** and not a fifteen minute drive-by. (3) Ask for help, it is never too late to ask for help. Remember, if you ever see a turtle sitting on a fence post, you know he had to have help. Drop by the office and talk with your advisor/counselor. Your goal is a college degree and not just to take a few college courses.

Upcoming Events Student Workshops



Thursday, November 2, 2006 @12:01 p.m.
"Financial Aid" Workshop
Randy Sell, Presenter
Gallery Room (MBSC)

What you don't know about financial aid could jeopardize your college career. What is the 150% Rule? Do you have to accept your entire loan package?

The 75% rule keeps you in good standing with the university, do you know what this means? Please call the office and let us know if you will be able to attend. I will see you November 2.

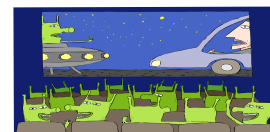
Thursday, November 9, 2006 @ 12:01 p.m.
"Public Speaking"



Marlina Howe, Presenter
U Mo Ho Room (MBSC)

If you want to know the power of captivating an audience or how to make A+ classroom presentations don't miss this powerful workshop. Corporate America expects you to know now to speak to an audience; come and let us learn together.

Please call the office if you plan to attend the workshops noted. As per our practice, lunch will be served.



Free Movies!!!

Movie Night - check the office sign in sheet for the next **free** movie.

Pow Wow Highway - Nov. 3
Garden State - Nov. 10
Ran - Nov. 17

Early Registration!!

You may be eligible for special grant aid if you register early for the Spring Semester. By early I mean register before November 16, 2006. Please hear me well, all Project Achieve students should register early.

You Will Not Believe This!

Do you need to take English 1150 and Mathematics 1310? I have a deal for you. Connie and Joy are going to team

teach a Math 1310 class and an English Comp I class that both focus on Algebra. The classes must be taken together for 6 credit hours. The math classes meet Tuesday/Thursday from 10-11:15am; the English classes meet Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10-10:50am. These powerful classes will help you master writing and Algebra in a very creative way! If you need the two classes noted, talk to Connie or Joy and register ASAP! **Most of the seats in the class have been reserved for Project Achieve students**, but you have to register early and commit yourself to hard work and intense study.

Someone You Should Know

Ladies and gentlemen I want to introduce you to Laurette Thompson, swinger, jet-setter and all around nice person. This young lady is a hard-working senior who stayed in school in spite of working, taking day and night classes and taking care of an elderly parent and grand children. Like the rest of you, this young lady is busy, busy, busy. Laurette, at one time in her life, lived in Las Vegas and hung out with some of the biggest names in show business. Did you know Laurette has hung out with Don Rickles, Billy Preston, Tina Turner, Wayne Newton, and Gladys Night and the Pips (you go girl).

Laurette would like to one day become a producer and writer. Her hobbies include writing poetry (you can read some of her poems on poetry.com) and traveling. Laurette really enjoyed her trips to several provinces in Canada, Hot Springs, AR, and Washington D.C. Humm....I just realized she didn't add Las Vegas to the list. Do you know why?Because, what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas☺!

Laurette enjoys the consolation she gets from these words, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path," Proverbs 3:5-6. Laurette wants everyone to know that if she could solve one problem it would be eliminating racism.

Thanks to the following Project Achieve students for their hard-work at the South Omaha Arts Institute as part of UNO "Fall Break" service project: **Mikayla Bruner, Andrew Dale, Regina Ehlers, Joseph Garang, Anayeli MartinezReal, Alier Mayola, Nicolette Oliver, Melisha Potter, Amanda Pokorski, Rosalba Rodriguez, Lindsey Schubert and Mona Sorouri.**

Well, Are You Going To Do It?

If you have been blessed with the privilege to vote and you have registered, please Vote! Too many Americans fought and died for this privilege and to neglect this precious responsibility would be a travesty. You may ask, why vote, my one vote will not make a difference? Anyone who needs to ask this question has not been paying attention to recent political races. Every vote is precious and the great act of voting is what separates America from other countries that are in a state of anarchy. Well, on November 7 are you going to do it?



November Quiz

The first three students to correctly call (554-3492) or drop by the office with the correct answer will win an all expenses paid lunch (at one of Omaha's finest restaurants) with your fabulous Director (well, maybe fabulous is a stretch).

Question: What political history making event happened in 1986 in Nebraska?

Student Advisory Council

I have the great pleasure of introducing the Project Achieve Student Advisory Council (PASAC). The purpose of this group is to develop a formal channel for student input to improve programming/services, plan events, and represent the group in formal gatherings. The members are: **Stephanie Lewis, Mona Sorouri, Angel Starks, Ozzie Perez, Cynthia Alvoid, Britne Jones, Jesus Cayatano Lopez, Jennifer Howell and Patriona Johnson (all have UNO email accounts if you want to contact them).** When you see them around campus share your ideas with them and together let us make Project Achieve the best Student Support Services Program in the country.

Bill Gates Said

"Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs."

Project Achieve Staff

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