

UNIVERSITY OF Nebraska PROJECT ACHIEVE Omaha



END OF THE YEAR BASH!

Get ready for excitement, thrills and spills! Our end of the year Bash and Talent Show is right

around the corner. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone. Last year we had 40 partici-

pants - this year we hope to break that record. This is our last event of the year and our way of relaxing after a long, draining semester. All you have to do is show up and display one of your many talents. Do you sing, recite poetry, play the guitar, or make hand puppets? Call the office at 554-3492 today and tell us you will be in attendance.

Date: May 5, 2011

Time: 11:59 a.m.

Place: Milo Bail Student Center
Chancellor's Room (second floor)

P.S. Join us, even if you don't participate in the talent show.



Did You Know?

[Gerianne Neneman](#) was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda - National Honor Society of Continuing Studies.

[Shantel Thompson](#) and [Deibi Sibrian](#) were selected by the Nebraska Lawyers Foundation and the Nebraska Bar Association, respectively, for LSAT Prep Scholarships.

[Araceli Vazquez](#), who will graduate in May, has been accepted into the Master's in Social Work graduate program at UNO.

Former Project Achieve student and 2008 graduate [Mahsa Sorouri](#) has accepted a position as a researcher with the FDA. She will be studying potential therapeutic applications for particular monoclonal antibodies (I have no idea what she is doing and I hope I don't catch it).

[Marquisha Spencer](#) was named NCNW Member of the Year at this year's Diversity Banquet. She has also accepted a summer position as Summer Youth Leader at the YMCA. Marquisha will serve as Vice President of the campus

NCNW chapter next year. She will also assist Student Organizations and Leadership Programs in coordinating the Emerging Leaders program next year. Wow, when will she sleep!

[Kimberly Chleborad](#) received the Future Leaders in Elementary Mathematics Education Award at a ceremony in Kayser Hall April 8.

Congratulations to [Jonathan Quilt](#) and [Nina Wilson](#), who have been accepted into the social work program at UNO.

[Nina Wilson](#), [Brandee Alexander](#) and [Charmadine Parchment](#) will study abroad in Nicaragua this summer.

Super achiever [Pablo Roman](#), who will graduate in May from UNO with a bachelor's degree in construction Management and Business Management, will also hold associate degrees from Metropolitan Community College in six areas: Liberal Arts, Architectural Drafting, Mechanical Design, Business Management, Accounting, and Science. How do you spell achiever....P.A.B.L.O.?

Graduation Anyone?

I am proud to announce the following students will be graduating this May and August. We are so excited for you, and my social security check thanks you!

May 2011 Graduation

Candidates
Robert Brown
Sadie Cordell
Jason Curtis
Brittany Daugherty
Tiffany Kelly
Moraima Lopez
DaeJanira LynCook
Anayeli Martinez Real

Maribel Martinez Rodriguez
Joanna Nguyen
Trisha Ponce
Pablo Roman
Shantel Thompson
Araceli Vazquez
Joelene Wells
Ashley Wright

August 2011 Graduation

Candidates
René Gosch
Britne Jones
Nyabiel Mayian
Felicia Mesadieu
Stephanie Shatava
Steve Solorio
Nyanhial Tot

[Chol Gach](#) was sworn in as a U.S. citizen on April 15.

[Maria Perez-Garcia](#), who is majoring in criminal justice, has been selected for an internship with the Douglas County Corrections Office.

[Anayeli Martinez Real](#) was a nominee for the Senior Vice Chancellor's Outstanding Leadership Award.

[Akia Sparkmen](#) was named Project Achieve Member of the Year at this year's Diversity Banquet.

[Steve Hartman](#) was one of 64 people (originally 368) to make it to the semifinals for Irene Ryan Act-

ing honors in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

[Janet Ruiz-Flores](#) and [Charmaine Miranda](#) received the NU-Paths Scholarship.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. this summer for your use. Staff will not be on duty June-July. If you need a tutor for a summer school class now is the time to see Pat. No tutors will be hired after May 25th.

ONE LAST TIME

Did you fill out your FAFSA? If you did not be prepared to pay all your college expenses out of pocket.

Project Achieve

Good News

Shampayne Fentress has a new position at the Boys & Girls Club of Omaha: Community Learning Coordinator.

Geneva Williams was a volunteer escort for St. Cecelia's Cathedral Flower Show in January.

Steve McPhillips, Deibi Sibrian Polanco and René Gosch were selected to represent Project Achieve at a meeting with the University Board of Regents.

Registration Dates: Summer 2011 Registration

4-11-11 GR,
4-12-11 SR,
4-13-11 JR,
4-14-11 SO,
4-15-11 FR,
4-18-11 Open Registration Starts

Fall 2011 Registration

4-18-11 GR,
4-20-11 SR,
4-22-11 JR,
4-26-11 SO,
4-28-11 FR,
5-02-11 Open

HOW TO RESPECTFULLY QUESTION A GRADE

As the new semester is under way it is very important to review your syllabus to make sure you understand how you will be graded. Good students know the professor's grading method for each class. In addition, you are also responsible for keeping track of every grade earned in class. Keep a folder, shoebox or empty drawer – find something to keep up with your grades.

If you have a question about your final grade you have the right to "respectfully" question how the grade was calculated. Listed below are things you should consider.

1. Did you read the "grading section" of the syllabus?
2. Did you understand the

grading method and which grades count?

3. Were some of the grades "weighted"? This means some grades have more point value than others. Were points de-



ducted or grades reduced for late or incomplete work?

4. Were you present for all tests, quizzes and/or projects?

Next Steps:

1. After you have done your homework organize your find-

ings and compare the professor's grades with your calculations.

2. If you believe a discrepancy exists ask for a meeting with your professor.

3. In an organized, clear, non-indicting manner state your concern.

4. Allow the professor to review the information and give you his/her response. Note: The professor may need a day or two to review your information before a final response or solution is provided.

5. If you do not feel the answer provided was satisfactory, please consult with your advisor for next steps.

6. Be patient!

FEBRUARY IS FAFSA MONTH

On February 23 and 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a FAFSA Party in the Office of Multicultural Affairs. At this time you will be able to go on line to complete your FAFSA. We want all Project

Achieve Students to get their FAFSA completed as soon as possible – do not delay! Please see Mr. Clancy if you need FAFSA information. In our office you will find FAFSA worksheets and The Top Eighteen

Most Frequently Asked FAFSA Questions.

FAFSA Just Do It!

Wisdom is supreme: therefore make a full effort to get wisdom. Esteem her and she will exalt you: embrace her and she will honor you. ~Proverbs 4:7-8



JANUARY 2011

Amazing Accomplishments in 2010

Project Achieve students generously gave of their time and energy during fall break to work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Council Bluffs as part of UNO's "Three Days of Service." Our hard working students include: Sabrina McClurg-Bradley, Katrayla Musgraves, Oryem Oringa, Jonathan Quilt (and his sister, Samantha), Dario Rosales, Queen Tucker, Geneva Williams, Herbert Merino and Araceli Vazquez. Students spent the day measuring and installing drywall with the home's soon-to-be owner.

Joseph Italia, Michael Leading Horse, and other volunteers also will paint

a mural for the Salvation Army. Watch for information about service projects in 2011.

Corey Reed was named chair of the Community Service Advisory Committee for the Circle of Brotherhood at UNO.

JaQuala Yarbrow was selected vice president of the Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students.

The following students were dinner guests of University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken in October: Brandee Alexander, Anayeli MartinezReal, Koua Moua, Kim Nguyen, RaSheema Pitt and D'Antae Potter.

Denisha Seals organized A Thompson Scholars Clothing Drive, "A Time of Giving," conducted in November.

Silvester Juanes was awarded the Heartland and Latino Leadership Scholarship for 2010.

Former Project Achieve student Khushi Patel has been accepted into a nuclear medicine program in San Antonio, Texas.

For Your Information

UNO Bookstore announces a new Textbook Rental Program that starts with UNO's spring semester. With the new program just rent, use and return. Watch [eNotes](#) for more information on the new rental program.

Midnight Mojo Skate Party

Thursday, January 20 9:00p.m.—
Midnight

FREE skating, FREE popcorn, 2 sodas,
1 slice of pizza and punch card for rock
climbing, bumper cars and lazer tag.

*Only first 550 get in free
Skate Daze, 132nd and B street

You Are Amazing!

Staff and I welcome all of our amazing students back for another semester of hard work and outstanding academic achievement. This is going to be our best semester ever and I want to cite three things you should consider this spring.

1. Keep the end goal in mind. Did you know that ten Project

Achieve students graduated this past December and we expect to graduate fifteen more this spring? One of your primary goals must be to stay focused and graduate. You have come to far too stop now.

2. Now that you are one semester closer to your ultimate goal of graduating with the highest GPA possible,

don't forget everyone needs help. If you think you are going to need a tutor this semester please contact Pat Killeen-Brown within the next two weeks. Smart students know that "academic support" is a good thing.

3. I have a question for you – what will you do this semester to make yourself stand out from other students who will

be graduating soon? I want to suggest that you join a club, sorority or fraternity, travel abroad, volunteer, or develop a special project for class. Do something that makes you stand out from the crowd. If you don't make yourself more marketable who will?

Project Achieve

Student Support Services: TRIO



Congratulations everyone!

Graduates

Marietta Ammons
Mawut El-Awel
Bol Jal
Samantha Kirkendall
Lakita Lue
Wei Liu, *Summa cum laude*
RaSheema Pitt, *Summa cum laude*
Melisha Potter, *Cum laude*
Michael Sustaita, *Magna cum laude*
Danielle Woods

Chancellor's List

Ehite Allison
Hannah Andahl
Luwam Gebreselase
Theresa Halligan
Steven Hartman
Sahro Hussein
Wei Liu
Steven McPhillips
Mona Lisa King-Ward
Leondra Middleton
Roman Panyathong
RaSheema Pitt
Michael Sustaita

Dean's List

Kimberly Chleborad
Sadie Cordell
Britiany Daugherty
Maria Fonceca
Nicole Gaughan
Marquita Govan
Tiffany Kelly
Moriama Lopez
DaeJanira LynCook
Sabrina McClurge-Bradley
Donny McPherson
Gerianne Neneman
Kimberly Nguyen
Xuan Di Nguyen
Jon Paul
Jose Pena
Maria Perez-Garcia
Trish Ponce
D'Antae Potter
Jonathan Quitl
Janet Ruis-Flores
Tamara Schwid
Stephanie Shatava
Marvin Sum Batres
Deibi Sibrian Polanco
Chase Spencer
Quyen Tran
LaMargo Winston

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Time

If you expect to receive federal or state aid for the 2011-12 academic year you must fill out a FAFSA application. If you complete your FAFSA before March 1 you may be eligible for additional funds. The following information is necessary in order to fill out your FAFSA:

1. Get your taxes done as soon as possible. You can complete your FAFSA without having your tax information, but you will save yourself a great deal of grief if you have your tax information with you when you begin the FAFSA process.

2. Use the U.S. Department of Education official website, www.fafsa.gov, to complete your FAFSA. There are other FAFSA websites that charge you to complete your FAFSA. Use only the federal website!

3. Do you remember your pin number? Does your parent or guardian remember their pin number? If the answer is no to one or both questions, go to the FAFSA website and retrieve your pin number. Special Note: if you don't have a pin you should apply for one at www.pin.ed.gov two weeks before you begin

the FAFSA application.

4. You can always go to the professionals at EducationQuest in Rockbrook Plaza and they will help you fill out your FAFSA. I must warn you: about 8,000 other students have the same idea.

In our office you will find FAFSA worksheets for your use if you need them. The Federal School Code for UNO is 002554 (you will need to know this when you fill out your FAFSA).

Financial Literacy 1.0 Something You Should Know

Did you know that your credit card company must send you a notice 45 days before they can:

- Increase your interest rates
- Change certain fees
- (such as annual fees, cash advances, and late fees) that apply to your account; or
- Make other significant changes to the terms and conditions of your card.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 23 and 25 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. FAFSA Party

March 1, 2011, UNO Financial Aid Priority Deadline Watch for more information!

Amazing!

Did you hear what Pablo Roman accomplished? During the fall semester Pablo took 18 hours at UNO and 26 hours at Metro Community College. He was able to pass all of his classes and ended the semester with a GPA of 3.1. Amazing!

FREE TAX SERVICES

Free Federal Taxes:

hrblock.com, turbotax.com,
taxact.com

Free State Taxes:

www.revenue.state.ne.us

Special Announcement!

During the first week of February H&R Block will assist you in filing your taxes free of charge.

Please take advantage of this service now!

October 2010

"I'm notorious for giving a bad interview. I'm an actor and I can't help but feel I'm boring when I'm on as myself."
~ Rock Hudson

Project Achieve Mindset

As some of you may know two professors at Beloit College developed a Mindset List. The purpose of this list is to determine how much the average college students know about history and pop-culture. Project Achieve Staff designed its very own UNO Mindset List that consisted of 15 questions. Twenty-six of our fine students took our challenge and the results were very interesting – for example:

1. More than half of our students had no idea who uttered this classic line "go ahead make my day". Yes, it was Clint Eastwood (in the first Dirty Harry movie). One of you thought these were the words of Al Capone.
2. Seventeen students didn't know the Nebraska native who

hosted the Tonight Show for more than 30 years. It was indeed Johnny Carson and believe me he was funny. Letterman and Leno are not funny!

3. Only three students knew who J.R. Ewing was. For those of you who may have forgotten, J.R. was a ruthless oil baron and chief antagonist on the hit television show "Dallas." I was enlightened to find out that some students thought J.R. was an author and poet. One student thought J.R. wrote the 'Harry Potter' series and one of you made my day by identifying J.R. Ewing as Treasurer of the State of Nebraska.

4. All of you knew about Viet Nam but about one third of you do not use the postal system.

5. The overwhelming majority of you knew who Barney Fife was but only one person knew what event happened on April

4, 1968 (the assassination of Dr. M. L. King Jr.).

6. Most of you knew that Beethoven was a famous musician/composer and not a dog.

7. Only one of you knew that Dan Quayle spelled potato with an "e".

Thank you for participating in the first UNO Mindset Challenge.



Five Ways to Screw Up an Interview

1. Arriving Late – If you arrive late for an interview you don't deserve the job! The interviewee should arrive to the interview site no later than 15 minutes before the interview.

2. Lighting Up A Cigarette – Please know that smoking is your right if you choose to smoke, but during an interview "when in Rome, do as the Romans." Also, make sure your clothing does not have a heavy cigarette smell.

3. Lying about Your Skills/Experience/Knowledge – When you are asked specific questions about your skill set do not lie. Yes, you may really, really need the job but remember if you lie to get a job, you will lie to keep a job. Honesty may not be the popular choice but it's the best choice.

4. Bad-Mouthing Your Last Boss – If you are ever asked how you got along with your last boss or supervisor, tell the truth. Remember, this is a question designed for you to articulate your

relations with your former boss and not to trash him or her.

5. Wearing Inappropriate Attire – I recognize the average college student does not have a formal wardrobe for every occasion but wearing inappropriate attire to an interview is inexcusable. Do your homework, find out what the company expects and respond accordingly.

New Members to the Project Achieve (TRiO) Family



A big Project Achieve welcome to the Student Support Services TRiO family. You have now become a member of the finest academic/student focused support program in the United States. Staff and I look forward to serving you.

- Martha Alcantara
- Ehite Allison
- Candice Arzola
- Sadie Cordell
- Edna Dsouza
- Jasmine Elmore
- Michael Garrett

- Paris Garrett
- Eric Golden
- Courtney Hall
- Joseph Italia
- Shannon Jackson
- Vanessa John
- Silvester Juanes
- Sabrina McClurge-Bradley
- Steven McPhillips
- Ricoh Mountain
- Roman O. Panyathong
- Matthew Paul
- Alma Ramos
- Kendra Robinson
- Juventino Rosales
- Amanda Rubek
- Tamara Schwid
- Randy Swift
- Teddi Teamer
- Esther Tucker
- Araceli Vazquez
- Geneva Williams

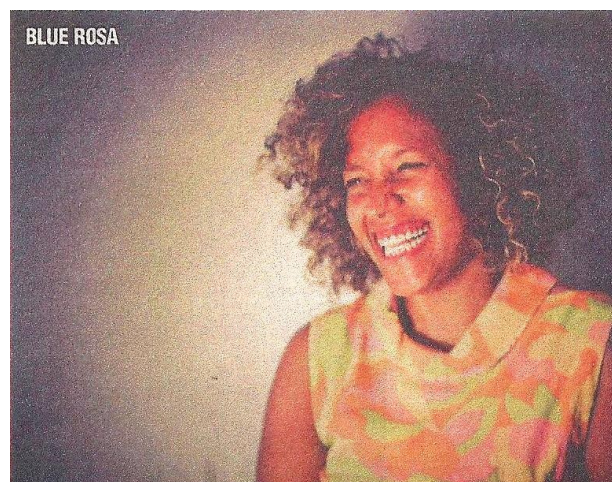
***“Music, because of its specific and far-reaching metaphorical powers, can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable.”
~ Leonard Bernstein***

A Star is Born

Introducing Project Achieve's very own Rene' Gosch and her band (This article was taken from [The Reader's Entertainment Section](#).)

Blue Rosa CD release w/ Honay and Darling and Dim Lights

The Faint, Bright Eyes and Cursive have inadvertently carved out a signature sound for Omaha's Indie rock scene. True to vocalist Rene Gosch's character, her experimental six-piece outfit, Blue Rosa, goes against the grain with its sultry, often dark material. Guitarist Tom Barrett and Gosch have been working together for years and, clearly, the innovative alternative rock that flooded the airwaves during the late '80s/early '90s made a heavy imprint on the pair. "I think it's a little tough to jump into the local music scene because we are a different kind of music from what Saddle Creek normally caters to," Gosch said. "To step away and do something different is scary, but I have to do what I have to



do." Blue Rosa's self-titled debut is a collection of Gosch's travels abroad, which touch on her spiritual and personal growth. "Our shows are really inviting. We create more of chill ambiance," Gosch said, "If we have dancers, it's because someone got too drunk."

-Kyle Eustice

Financial Literacy 1.0 Tip for Today: Student Loans

When applying for a student loan answer all questions honestly. Never, I mean never, lie about anything. If you get caught (or should I say *when* you get caught) not only could you lose your loan, and incur fines - you could also be charged with fraud. If that is not bad enough, you could end up with a free education in prison.

Nina Wilson – Someone You Should Know



“This bright, precocious student had trouble staying in the classroom.”

Nina was born in St. Louis, Missouri; she lived there nine years until her family moved to Omaha. Nina attended Wankonda, McMillian and North High School. Her favorite subject in high school was English. Nina’s family consists of her mother, two brothers and four sisters. Nina and I have something in common: she noted that she has never met her biological father. Nina’s mother is an individual who is tough! She used her version of tough love as her model for raising children. Nina knew her mother cared about her but it was difficult for her mother to express love.

Nina was in foster care throughout seventh grade and most of eighth grade but during this time she met this wonderful woman (her foster mom Mrs. Taleya) to whom Nina refers as her “god-mom.” Nina’s god-mom was respectful, caring and a mother figure who was the first woman who told Nina that she loved her.

Although Nina has never met her father, she was blessed to have an important father figure in her life. Mose is his name and he always refers to Nina as his daughter. Mose is someone Nina can talk to; he is encouraging and cares deeply about her.

Nina’s high school years were not always the best of times. You see, Nina, this bright, precocious student, had trouble staying in the classroom. Let’s just say, she had a few behavior problems and spent a great deal of time in the office. She was such a regular in the office that her assignments were sent to the office for her to complete by herself. What is most remarkable is that by Nina’s senior year, she only had one credit to finish during the second semester. As you can see, Nina was a pretty bright student.

As Nina’s senior year progressed, college was not on her radar, but thanks to an exceptional counselor college became an option for her. Nina’s counselor encouraged, insisted, and supported Nina in completing all the time consuming paper work to apply for college. Now all that hard work is paying off for Nina Wilson, a Project Achieve junior majoring in Social Work., Nina recalls meeting a third grader. This little girl explained that she was in foster care because her mother was unable to get her to school. Nina was deeply affected by the plight of this little one. Nina believes because of her personal experiences, she has ideas that would

help the foster care system operate in a more effective and efficient manner.

I asked Nina what motivates her to persist and get her degree. Encounters like the one with the little girl are one factor. What really motivates Nina is something a number of our students have faced. An adult told her that there were other adults who were just waiting for her to dropout when she was in high school. They thought she would be pregnant and amount to nothing. Can you believe it? Nina has a great philosophy about life that also serves as motivation. She told me, “You must keep pressing on because things are not as bad as they seem.” Nina believes we are more than what people think we are. She used this phrase several times, “You must find yourself.” Nina went on to say, “There are always people who want to put you down-don’t let labels define you.” Maybe that’s why her favorite song is, “Encourage Yourself” by Donald Lawrence.

Nina Wilson, someone you should know.



Good News

Anayeli Martinez Real has been elected president of the UNO Student Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America. She is also founder and-president of the newly formed UNO organization MAES/SHPE (Mexican American Engineers and Scientists/Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers). Anayeli will graduate in May with her bachelor’s degree in construction engineering.

Theresa Halligan will attend the Geologic Society of America Conference in Denver this month to both attend presentations and to research graduate programs in her major.

Check it Out!

Did you see the four new wall plaques in the office? The staff of Project Achieve wants to see your name on the “official” Deans List/Chancellor’s List wall plaque. Why not set a goal right now to get the highest GPA possible and join the “List.” You can do it!

September 2010

*"Staff your eyes
with wonder...live
as if you'd drop
dead in ten sec-
onds. See the
world. It's more
fantastic than any
dream made or
paid for in facto-
ries."*

*~Ray Bradbury,
Fahrenheit 451*



Jason Curtis traveled to Ireland and placed second in sparring and was awarded the World Grand Champion in Forms at the World Organization of Martial Arts Athletes competition. He automatically qualifies for next year's tournament in Wales.

Welcome Back!

If you think last year was a great year for Project Achieve, hold on to your wigs and toupees. This is going to be our best year yet and all because of you! For many of you this has been a very exciting summer with work, travel, summer school and a little fun. I hope that everyone is rested and ready to start the year off with an academic bang. By the way, if you have not dropped by the office to say, "I'm back" what are you waiting for?

Below are just a few wonderful events that have taken place since you were away.

- Jolene Jackson gets the award for the most visits to the lab this summer, and Kandi Holmes is a close second.
- Fabiola Nomenyo has been elected president of the PASO (Pan African Student Organization).
- Stephanie Shatava got the UNO Faculty Women's Scholarship.
- Abdul Mir passed his citizenship test. Date/time of ceremony TBA.
- TeAnne Teamer was awarded the John Madden Fine Arts Scholarship for 2010-2011. She was also named Public Relations/Promotion Chair for the UNO Swing Club. If that wasn't enough, TeAnne was a counselor for the
- UNO May Camp this summer.
- Jessica Ishmael worked all summer in the Multicultural Affairs Office. She also received the Stephen R. Paige Memorial Scholarship.
- Chelsey DeWitt, Nyabiel Mayian and Maria Perez-Garica received the Reaching Your Potential Scholarship from the Education-Quest Foundation.
- Wei Liu is now a U.S. citizen.
- Brandie Alexander has been elected president of NCNW.
- Koua Moua is the president of Multicultural Association.
- Sahro Hussein traveled to Kenya to visit her family. She was also featured in a AASCU article.
- Nina Wilson organized the "You Are Worthy" program for 60 area 5-12 year olds.
- Akia Sparkman worked on a history project entitled, "Making the Invisible Visible."
- Katrayla Musgraves will serve as President of MAPS, Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students, for the upcoming academic year.
- Maria Fonceca has been awarded the Nebraska Bar

Association LSAT Prep Minority Pipeline Scholarship. The scholarship provides funds for LSAT prep courses and for the LSAT registration fee.

The following students were engaged in Study Abroad adventures.

- Shantel Thompson (Criminal Justice Major) traveled to Britain with a group from the Criminal Justice Department. She explored Scotland Yard, learned about British law enforcement practices, explored castles, and mastered the exchange rate of the shilling and six pence.
- Rene Gosch (French Major) traveled to exotic and beautiful Morocco. This means Rene has been to Paris at least two times and now Morocco. Where will we find her next year?
- Marvin Sum Batres studied and traveled in Spain.



A Few Important Dates



Drop Dates:

Aug 29: Last day before 12:00 midnight to do the following: "DROP" a course from the "General" session and receive a 100% refund.

Sept 5: Last day before 12:00 midnight to withdraw from a "General" session course with a grade of "W" and receive 75% refund

Sept 12: Last day before 12:00 midnight to withdraw from a "General" session course with a grade of "W" to receive a 50% refund. This is also the last day in the "General" session to change

to "CR/NC" option in a course. CR/NC option must be done in person at the Records & Registration Office, EAB 105.

Sept 19: Last day before 12:00 midnight to withdraw from a "General" session course with a grade of "W" to receive a 25% refund.

Nov 5: Last day before 12:00 midnight to withdraw from a "General" session course with a grade of "W" via E-BRUNO. This is also the last day in the "General" session to change a course to "Audit", and change from "CR/NC" to grade registra-

tion in a course.

Add Date:

Aug 29: To "REGISTER" for a course in the "General" session after this date, a student must have an authorization or permit. The student must then register. This is also the last day to add a course in the "General" session for "AUDIT". Audit must be done in person at the Records & Registration Office, EAB 105.

Project Achieve Welcome Back Meeting: Aug 30, Monday, at 12:00-1:00 in MBCS Gallery Room

***"The family is
the school of
duties...
founded on
love."
~ Felix Adler***

The TRIO Project Achieve Family

During this new semester I want you to take advantage of all resources available to you. Effective students know when to seek help and when to problem-solve with trusted individuals. Your advisors stand ready to assist you – use them. Project Achieve is blessed to have some of the finest professionals on campus and we work for you. I want you to do all you can

to make this semester your best. By the way, have you set a GPA goal this fall? Start the year with a goal or target in mind; write it in your planner and work to achieve what you have written.

Financial Literacy Tip of the Week

If you have more than one credit card put your hands in the air and walk away from multiple credit cards. At this stage in your career a debit card and possibly one credit card are more than enough. Make sure that you can pay off what you charge. By paying off I mean if you charge it you can pay it off the next month and not 18 months from now. Have you seen how much interest you pay (or give to the bank) when you can't pay off your bill? Be smart, use credit wisely.

Financial Literacy 101A



Throughout the year you will be receiving a great deal of information about Financial Literacy. This will be in the form of workshops, newsletter articles, advisor consultation and technology generated presentations. I bet some of you might ask, why is this necessary? The answer is found in the data provided by the 2009 Sallie Mae study.

1. Half of all college students have an excessive number of credit cards.

2. The average balance on a student credit card is \$3,173.00.
3. Seniors graduate with an average credit card debt of \$4,100.00
4. Most students know they will have trouble paying off their debt.
5. The average college student loan debt (using UNL, UNL and UNO students only) is \$19,000.00.

The reason Project Achieve will engage in a vigorous Financial Literacy campaign is to support your efforts to graduate debt free or with minimal debt. Why should you spend your hard earned money paying off credit cards and student loans if there are powerful alternatives to debt-free living?