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The Career Services Office at Ferrum College - Use It!

The majority of offices on campus are ones that students will find it necessary to visit at one time or another during their time at Ferrum. In fact, students will visit some of these offices many times over to conduct business or ask for some form of guidance. It may interest you to know, however, that one office that can have a profound effect on your student's life is one they aren't even required to visit! That office is the **Career Services Office (CSO)** in Room 101 in Bassett Hall.

The CSO assists students in two major areas while at Ferrum - finding or confirming a career direction and academic major in the early part of their college career, and discovering and using the resources and opportunities available to conduct an effective internship or employment search.

Freshmen and sophomores have the option of taking a career exploration class and/or talking with career advisors using assessment surveys to explore academic majors and career fields.

Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take an employment preparation class, attend career fairs, have résumé reviews, do mock interviews, and make appointments with career advisors to see what internship or employment opportunities are available and how to access them.

We have had positive feedback from students telling us how the networking with local and national businesses, feedback from mock interviews, and critiquing of résumés has made them feel better prepared for what they will need

to do after graduation, whether that is a career or graduate school. It's confirmed what we've known all along - we offer valuable services for any students who choose to take advantage of them. Once they take that first step and come to see us, we'll do our best to move them off your "payroll" and on to someone else's! If you would like to see a complete list of all the services and programs we offer, please visit www.ferrum.edu/career. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Rol Walters, Director of Career Services, at (540) 365-4267 or rwalters@ferrum.edu.

Spring - They Made It!

By the time students return from Spring Break, they will have officially been in college three of the four seasons and will be nearing the fourth - Spring. While the semester is not yet over, we're glad to be able to say, "They made it through!"

No matter how happy we are, however, the students are certainly happier. For freshmen, there is relief in knowing they successfully made the adjustment from high school to college. For sophomores, satisfaction because they made it through what is perhaps their most difficult year, since they are no longer caught up in the "newness" of their freshman year and still not close enough to graduation to get excited. For juniors, the realization is that they've not only completed three years, but are looking toward their last year and seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. For sen-

iors, well, this has likely been a very busy year, but one that is the culmination of everything they've worked so hard toward - Commencement.

What a proud time it is for staff and faculty of Ferrum College when we see this progression. When we witness their growth, independence and maturity. What a proud time it must be for you when you realize what your student has accomplished. What a great feeling to say, "They made it through!"

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Academic Support

College-level work is often both rewarding *and* challenging. Whether as a freshman entering college or as a senior looking forward to walking across the stage at Commencement, there usually comes a time when most students need some additional help. Even the strongest students sometimes come across “bumps” on the road to a college education.

Depending on what an individual student needs, there are many resources available at Ferrum and the first step is determining where to go -

If the student needs additional help in a specific subject, Ferrum provides tutoring in our Academic Resources Center. The tutoring program, under the guidance of Ms. Susan Crow, Director of the Academic Resources Center, utilizes both peer-tutors as well as professors depending on the individual need. Peer-tutoring is provided primarily for introductory-level courses by students who have excelled in course work, been recommended by the professor, and who have applied and been hired by ARC faculty.

In addition to tutoring, study groups are regularly scheduled for many classes, and students can work with tutors during those times. Additionally, students have access to phone numbers for tutors and may schedule individual appointments with tutors in the ARC during any of the Tutoring Center's weekly hours of operation.

The [Composition Center](#) is also housed in the Tutoring Center, and is staffed by English professors. Students may receive assistance from the Composition Center faculty as they prepare papers for any course offered on campus. This assistance is available each afternoon, Monday through Friday.

Does the student have a documented learning disability? Mrs. Nancy Beach, Director of Disability Services (academic), will work with the student. He/she must submit documentation of the disability (see disability services on the ARC web page for documentation requirements) and schedule an appointment to discuss accommodations. The most frequently used accommodations

include extended time for testing and in-class assignments, testing in a quieter environment, use of a word processor for essay tests, meetings with the disabilities director to discuss appropriate accommodations, and use of a computerized text-reader. Accommodations are provided for students only upon request, and in accordance with the student's qualifying submitted documentation.

While Ferrum College offers many opportunities for students to receive the additional help they may need, it is ultimately up to the student to take advantage of these resources and do their very best to succeed.

Benefits of On-Campus Living

Living on campus provides students with the opportunity to interact in an academic environment and enhance their education by taking advantage of the support provided by the college. According to the American Council on Education, “Students who live on campus have a 10 to 15 percent better chance of doing well in college than students living off campus. On-campus students have better grades, take more units, and are more likely to persevere to achieve a university degree.” Students also tend to make use of campus resources (library, staff, labs, athletic facilities, and general support services) with much greater frequency.

Ferrum College is a primarily residential institution of higher education and has developed programs to address the needs of residential students. The residential program is designed to promote student's academic, social, emotional, and cultural well-being. Therefore, generally students with 12 or more credit hours are required to live in campus housing during their period of attendance at Ferrum College.

The following are a few of the advantages of living in campus housing:

- Countless opportunities to meet new people and develop lasting friendships
- Rates include electricity, water, heat, sewer, waste removal, internet connection and cable-television service

- No commuting hassles – easy walking distance to campus services, labs, classrooms, library, the student union and athletic facilities
- Minimal housekeeping duties, no dishes and no cooking worries means more time to study and play
- Free laundry
- Free parking
- You are always within minutes from class
- Convenient on-campus meals
- There are lots of fun and rewarding activities to do right on campus
- Different types of housing options are available as you matriculate
- Fully certified police officers and trained staff to help with safety and security

The campus connection is important for our commuter students as well and we encourage as much involvement and interaction as possible. Our most successful commuter students are the ones who not only make use of campus resources such as the library, Fitness Center, and Academic Resources Center, but also get involved in campus activities by joining clubs or organizations, attending campus programs, or participating on athletic teams.

Care Packages

Almost anyone who has ever been away from home for an extended period of time, whether it was several years at college, a few weeks during the summer at camp, or for any other length of time can tell you, there is nothing like receiving a package from home. It doesn't matter how much fun you're having or



where you are, nothing can take the place of that connection to home. Even something as

simple as getting a goodie package in the mail says, “I'm thinking of you and I miss you.”

You're not sure whether you should send one? Is your student in that place where he or she has started to pull away? To exert the normal independence that comes from living away from home and thinking they don't need you anymore? Don't let that facade fool you. We've

seen it over and over. Students getting packages from home and getting excited and ripping them open to see what's inside. Before you know it their friends are crowding around to take a peek too!

While a package from home is welcome anytime, getting one right before final exams can sometimes give a little extra mental boost when it comes to staying up late to study or write papers. So if you're planning to send one, we suggest having your package arrive toward the end of April before final exams begin on May 4th.

If you find you don't have time to put one together yourself or just aren't sure what to include, don't worry. Our Residence Education staff is coming to the rescue! They'll be providing you with an opportunity to order a special "care package" for your student - so watch your mailbox this month for the order form and details!

Health Fair

On Wednesday, March 22, 2006, Ferrum College Health Services will be offering a free Health Fair for the campus community. Over 20 agencies from the surrounding area will be available in the Panther's Den from 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. to discuss applicable health-related issues for the college-aged population.

College health is complex because these young students are maturing into adults and having to deal with healthcare issues they never had to deal with before. They are required to be independent and think for themselves; making decisions related to their individual well-being.

Various topics will be addressed at the Health Fair and information will be available for students regarding such things as skin care, dealing with stress, hearing tests, blood pressure screening, breast health, nutrition, diabetes/blood sugar testing, cancer, safety, chiropractic care, eye care, dental care, exercise, nail care, and much, much more. This is an annual free event specifically designed for college students to provide them with an opportunity to ask healthcare professional questions and gain some of the knowledge required to make informed decisions concerning their own health needs.

Ferrum Happenings

Sat., March 18

Casino Night
Panther Previews (Open House)

Mon., March 20

Praxis I Workshops
Monday Night Praise
9th Annual Women's Leadership Conference

Tue., March 21

Praxis I Workshops
Gallery Reception
SIFE Meeting
Teacher Education Interviews
9th Annual Women's Leadership Conference
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Wed., March 22

Holy Communion
Health Fair
Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Thur., March 23

Praxis I Workshops
Morris Rosenblat's - "My Experience in the Holocaust."
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Fri., March 24

Student Virginia Education Association Spring Conference
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sat., March 25

DJ Party
Student Virginia Education Association Spring Conference
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sun., March 26

Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Mon., March 27

National Guard Recruiter
Monday Night Praise Service
Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Tue., March 28

Praxis I Workshops
SIFE Meeting

The Last Tuesday Solos Featuring Sarah Archer
Professional Protocol Dinner for Seniors

Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Wed., March 29

Holy Communion
Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Thur., March 30

Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Fri., March 31

Greek Council Black and White Affair

Last Day to Drop (WP/WF)
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sat., April 1

Ferrum Greek Olympics
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sun., April 2

Ferrum Greek Olympics
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Mon., April 3

Wasena F. "Buddy" Wright Lecture Series

Monday Night Praise Service
Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Tue., April 4

Praxis I Workshops
SIFE Meeting
"A TASTE OF DIVERSITY"
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Wed., April 5

Holy Communion
Praxis I Workshops
"SPRING DIVERSITY WEEK'S FESTIVAL OF CULTURES"

Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Thur., April 6

Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Fri., April 7

Faculty/Staff Talent Show
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sat., April 8
Spring Fling
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Sun., April 9
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Mon., April 10
National Guard Recruiter
Monday Night Praise Service
Praxis I Workshops
Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honor
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Tue., April 11
Teacher Ed Performance Portfolios
Praxis I Workshops
SIFE Meeting
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Wed., April 12
Holy Communion
Praxis I Workshops
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Thur., April 13
Praxis I Workshops
DJ in the Dining Hall
Spring 2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Fri., April 14
EASTER BREAK

Sat., April 15
EASTER BREAK

Sun., April 16
EASTER BREAK

Mon., April 17
Praxis I Workshops
EASTER BREAK

Tue., April 18
Praxis I Workshops
SIFE Meeting
Classes Resume

Wed., April 19
Holy Communion
Community Seder
Praxis I Workshops

Thur., April 20
Praxis I Workshops

Sat., April 22
Gallery Reception
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Sun., April 23
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Mon., April 24
Praxis I Workshops
Monday Night Praise Service

Senior Art Major Show 2006

Tue., April 25
Praxis I Workshops
SIFE Meeting
Musician Phil Bensen
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Wed., April 26
Holy Communion
Praxis I Workshops
2nd Annual Take Back the Night
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Thur., April 27
Praxis I Workshops
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Fri., April 28
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Sat., April 29
Panther Previews (Open House)
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Sun., April 30
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Mon., May 1
Monday Night Praise Service
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Tue., May 2
Last Day of Class
SIFE Meeting
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Wed., May 3
Holy Communion
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Thur., May 4
EXAMS
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Fri., May 5
Senior Presentations Practice
EXAMS

Sat., May 6
Senior Presentations Practice
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Sun., May 7
EXAMS
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Mon., May 8
Monday Night Praise Service
EXAMS
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Tue., May 9
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Wed., May 10
Holy Communion
Senior Dance
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Thur., May 11
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Fri., May 12
Senior Art Major Show 2006

Baccalaureate
Sat., May 13
Commencement

College Calendar 2006-2007

The following is a list of important events for the 2006-2007 academic year. *This list does not include the many social, cultural, or athletic events that occur during the year.*

Fall Semester 2006

Classes Begin - 9/4
Last Day to Add a Class - 9/8
Last Day to Drop a Class Without Penalty - 9/29
Mid-Term Grades Due - 10/18
Fall Break - 10/19 - 10/22
Residence Halls Open - 10/22, 1 p.m.
Classes Resume - 10/23
Blue Ridge Folklife Festival - 10/28
Last Day to Drop (WP/WF) - 11/8
Pre-Registration - 11/13 - 11/17
Thanksgiving Break - 11/18 - 11/26
(begins after last class on 11/17)
Residence Halls Open - 11/26, 1 p.m.
Classes Resume - 11/27
Last Day of Classes - 12/12
Exam Period - 12/13 - 12/18
(Only the English 101 exam would be Wednesday; some exams would be given on Saturday)
Grades Due - 12/20

Spring Semester 2007

Classes Begin - 1/15
Spring Break - 3/3 - 3/11
(begins after last class on 3/2)
Residence Halls Open - 3/11, 1 p.m.
Classes Resume - 3/12
Easter Break - 4/6 - 4/9
(begins after last class on 4/5)
Residence Halls Open - 4/9, 1 p.m.
Classes Resume - 4/10
Last Day of Class - 4/24 (Follow Friday's schedule)
Reading Day - 4/25
Exam Period - 4/26 - 4/30
(Some exams would be given on Sat.)
Grades Due - 5/1
Baccalaureate - 5/4
Commencement - 5/5

Three-Week Term
Classes Begin - 5/7
Last Day of Classes - 5/25