



PARENTS AND FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

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FERRUM

Please see the following copy of an article from the Franklin News Post, the local newspaper, dated Wednesday, October 14.

"Police have a potential suspect in the off-campus shooting incident that injured two Ferrum College students Sunday morning.

Although investigators are not releasing the name of the suspect, Sheriff Ewell Hunt said he is not a Ferrum student.

Investigators are following up on leads with other area police departments to locate the suspect, Hunt added.

"We are confident we will make an arrest very soon," the sheriff said. "We believe this was an isolated incident that should not affect the safety of Ferrum students."

"However, we have increased patrols at the college until the suspect is apprehended," he added. "We are working with the college staff and police department to ensure the safety of all students."

The two male students who were shot were treated for superficial leg wounds at local hospitals, according to college officials. They were released later Sunday morning.

The shootings occurred at an off-campus party shortly after midnight on Nolens Hill Road, outside a private apartment building near the campus, Hunt said. The students were shot with a small-caliber handgun.

The apartment building is about a quarter of a mile east of the campus.

The motive appears to involve a female student who was at the party, Hunt said.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to contact the sheriff's department at 483-3000."

Career Services Office Major Events Calendar

Following are the major events offered by our Career Services Office. Please encourage your students to attend as many of these events as possible. Several of our students have made contacts and been hired as a result of attending these programs and it is extremely important, especially at this time, to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by our staff.

Fall 2009

Human Services Career Fair

Friday, September 25, 2009

Panther's Den

11:00am - 2:00pm

Kaplan Free Test Drive

(for GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, DAT, PAT)

Saturday, October 3, 2009

at Roanoke College

To register, go to www.kaptest.com, click on the test you are interested in, then click on "Find a Free Event."

Academic Majors Fair

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Panther's Den

11:00am - 2:00pm

Diversity Career Day Fair

Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 & 29, 2009

at University of Virginia

10:00am - 3:00pm

The Challenge Career Fair

Thursday, November 5, 2009

at The Kirkley Hotel

Lynchburg, VA

11:00am - 4:00pm

Click [HERE](#) for registration instructions!



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Career Services Office

Major Events Calendar - *continued*

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Spring 2010

Career Week

Monday through Friday, February 8-12, 2010
Details coming in January

Career Premiere Internship and Employment Fair

Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Salem Civic Center
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Career Focus Dinners

The following employers have been confirmed (times and dates will follow):

BB&T, Goodwill Industries of the Valley, Inc., Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Novozymes Biologicals, Newschannel 10 WSLs TV, Neathawk, Dubuque, & Packett, Elizabeth Arden, Inc.

Senior Salute

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Blue Ridge Mountain Room
3:00pm - 6:00pm



Professional Protocol Dinner for Seniors

Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Blue Ridge Mountain Room
5:45pm

Attention All Virginia Residents!

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As most of you know, all Virginia residents who choose to attend a private college in Virginia are eligible to receive the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant. This year's amount is \$3000, and this amount is determined by the Virginia Legislature. There have been major budget cuts over the course of the year, but so far, VTAG has remained untouched. Unfortunately, there is always the possibility of budget cuts to VTAG in the future. This is where you come in.

We need your help sending emails to your local representatives thanking them for their support of VTAG. To do this, you can go to:

<http://capwiz.com/naicu/va/>

Click the "Take Action" button. It will walk you through how to send an email to them from there. Simply thank your legislator for supporting VTAG and request that they continue that support. Be sure to mark that your "College Affiliation" is Ferrum College, since a tally is kept of which colleges are sending the emails. **The more emails the better.** These folks look at all the emails and they do make a difference.

Get out there and let your voices be heard!

Spread the Word, Not the Flu

The Ferrum College administration has been making preparations for H1N1 and the prevention of the spread of the flu.

Information Campaigns

- > Mirror clings on *Proper Hand Washing* were posted in all bathrooms on campus.
- > *Cover Your Cough* posters, listing symptoms, were put up around campus.
- > The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) link is on our web page and contains flu updates.

Immunizations

- > Seasonal flu vaccines were provided to faculty and staff and were available to all students for a low fee at the end of September. The Health Center gave approximately 200 vaccines.
- > The college is working closely with the local Virginia Department of Health to provide the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.
(Emails will go out, so parents please ask your student to forward this information to you.)

Residence Halls

- > Resident Advisors (RAs) received training and were provided with thermometers for each staff office.
- > RAs are also reinforcing healthy habits and can assist students who are ill in obtaining a “to go” meal.

Dining Services

- > Special “Flu Relief Meals” have been provided by Dining Services and are in staff offices in the residence halls ready to be picked up for ill students.

Classes

- > Faculty have been asked to re-enforce the message to students to either stay home or in their residence hall rooms should they develop an influenza-like illness.
- > Faculty are preparing for classes should they become ill themselves.

Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout campus and instant hand gel has been placed in all classrooms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Stay Healthy.

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