 Know three things

Once again, welcome to Keene State College! You’ve survived a few weeks of campus life, hopefully have made some new friends and settled into a routine with your class schedule. Campus Connection is a quarterly e-newsletter sent to all new students at Keene State. It’s loaded with information, references, ideas and upcoming events. Because it is published by Academic and Career Advising, located on the first floor of Elliot Center, the newsletter has a decidedly advising twist to it. Whether you are interested in finding a major, strengthening the major you’ve identified, locating academic supports on campus or looking for opportunities to learn what you can do with your major during your time at Keene State and as you graduate and transition out Campus Connection will be helpful.

In Academic and Career Advising we think it’s important for all students to know three things:

Yourself: What do you love? How do you learn? What have you accomplished?

An academic path: What do you want to study beyond what you think might be expected of you?

Opportunities to explore: How can summer jobs, clubs, organizations, community service, internships or travel enhance your academic path so you experience both theory and application?

We think students have experiences that help in identifying these three components OR that may be related to any one of these components. We call these K-NOW moments (opportunities that help you KNOW...). We’re ready to help you discover your K-NOW moment. We’ll provide you with opportunities to check in on your progress as you move through your semesters at Keene State. We look forward to meeting you soon.

What’s happening in the near future? Registration for the spring 2014 semester is the last two weeks of October ending on November 1. New students will be registering for fall classes online. This is a new process for many of you. Academic and Career Advising will be conducting workshops in all first year residence halls. We are available for one-on-one appointments with the exception of the full two weeks of registration where we provide drop-in advising to the entire campus.

If you are undecided you have received communication from your ACA advisor inviting you to make an appointment. Please do that soon. Our calendars fill quickly. If you have an educational goal and a major in mind your initial advisor is the department chair of your academic area. Stop by ACA and we’d be happy to provide you with information. Whether you have a major in mind or not or you are a new transfer or a first time student we’d love to meet and talk with you about your educational goals.

Spring course registration: Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1
Having problems managing your time and studying for classes? Finding your ITW or IQL course difficult?? Or...you may have a disability and don’t know where to turn for help? Please know there is free support at KSC for all of this and more:

**THE CENTER FOR WRITING:** located at 81 Blake Street, behind the Student Center, offers free assistance to students to improve their writing. Peer tutors assist students in a friendly environment. Students can drop in for assistance or may need to make an appointment.

**THE MATH CENTER:** located at 88 Winchester St., offers drop-in tutoring—you need no appointment. Eileen Philips, director of the Center, encourages students to come in soon and often. Don’t wait!

**THERE ARE THREE OFFICES IN THE ELLIOT CENTER WHO ALSO OFFER ACADEMIC SUPPORT:**

The Aspire office offers two forms of support: educational counseling and tutoring. **THE EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING PROGRAM** offers support to students feeling overwhelmed with their academics, having difficulty with time management, or have concerns about their courses. The program offers study strategies and one-on-one support to all students.

**THE TUTOR PROGRAM,** led by Jeanne Hearn, offers peer tutoring to improve skills needed for a course, discuss course content, organize a study plan and build confidence. The program also supports students in preparation for exams.

**THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES** assists students with documented disabilities in their transition from high school to college. Services may include converting textbooks to an alternative format, note taking and various assisted technologies.

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**INTRODUCING KEENEC STATE COLLEGE’S PRE-LAW ADVISOR!**

Mark Loey-Reyes rejoins KSC’s Academic and Career Advising as a pre-law advisor. His background includes both law and education. After earning his J.D. at Cornell Law School, Mark’s legal career has included a multi-disciplinary, national trial practice. Most of his practice has related to civil rights issues, but he has also worked in the areas of labor and employment, criminal and land use litigation.

More recently, Mark has used his knowledge to educate students about law. Mark is an adjunct professor who teaches education law to prospective teachers. He has also mentored students through Cornell Law School’s Black and Latino Law Student Associations. Mark enjoys working with students and is genuinely excited about helping students take on the challenge of learning about and practicing law.

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**FEATURED EVENT**

Trying to pick a major? Thinking about changing your major? Come to...

**KSC’S “MAJOR” EVENT OF 2013**

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
Student Center Atrium
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Declaring a Major: What I want to know?**

Meet professors and students involved in different majors

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1: The Graduate School Search and Application Process: 4:30 pm, Student Center Atrium Conference Room
October 3: 5th Massachusetts Green Career Conference: Marlborough, MA
October 8: Graduate School Fair: 11:30 am -1:30 pm, Putnam Science Center.
October 8: Peace Corp Information Sessions: 2-4 pm, Academic and Career Advising.
October 11: Fall Break Day...no classes. Plan to participate in Community Service Day.
October 16: Jobs That Make a Difference: 4 pm, Student Center Mountain View Room.
October 19: Okemo Mountain Job Fair: 10-3 pm. Okemo, Ludlow, VT
October 19: Stratton Mountain Job Fair: 10-3 pm, Stratton, E. Base Lodge
October 21-29: Spring Course Registration Support: all first year halls
October 21-November 1: Drop-In Spring Course Registration Advising: 8 am - 3:30 pm, Academic and Career Advising

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Adam Lawley ’14
Major: Psychology

I am a fourth year psychology student at Keene State. Culminating my studies this year, KSC has provided me great depth of a very broad science. From learning about neurological mechanisms in Brain & Behavior to crafting scientific papers in Research Methods, my experience reaches beyond the classroom. Tutoring Psychological Statistics, heading our local chapter of the psychology honor society, Psi Chi, and joining a research team under a professor’s guidance are just a few examples of the exciting, real-world opportunities I have experienced. In my final two semesters, I have taken advantage of joining the Honors Seminar in Psychology, allowing me to research, conduct and design an independent study to contribute to the field. I hope to apply to a Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology program after graduation. The mentoring I have received from professors has been invaluable and critical to this process.

Don’t Miss This
November 3rd - 8th
The 2013 Keene State College Symposium, “Finding Your Place in the Evolving Commons.” Topics and themes help us understand, locate and take responsibility for our places in the public spaces we care about and cultivate.

Please visit the website at www.keene.edu/symposium

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