



Dear Junior:

Welcome to your junior year at Montclair State University! That means that you have achieved at least 60 academic credits. We look forward to assisting you throughout the upcoming semester with any academic and pre-professional questions and goals that await you. As a junior you will be facing graduate school preparation, pre-student teaching, pre-law and pre-health related career concerns.

The junior year is a focal point for time to concentrate on your plans, to clarify interests and goals, and a time to explore a more focused academic concentration on your major and future possibilities. If you have not yet seen your advisor for a review of your course schedule for the fall '08 semester, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. If you are unsure of the name of your advisor, check your WESS account (and click on the word "advisor" in the lower left corner of the WESS screen) or contact your academic department secretary.

There are a number of co-curricular programs that have been designed by the University to assist you throughout the year and prepare for your junior year of study. During the year they will be advertised as **JUST FOR JUNIORS**. These programs include:

FALL 2008

CSAM specific programs including **Traumatic Brain Injury Symposium** (October 13), **Passaic River Symposium** (October 16), the **Margaret & Herman Sokol Science Lecture** (October 21) and various departmental seminars as well as professional speakers throughout the semester.

On Campus Job Fair

Thursday, September 13 from 11am – 2pm in SC Ballrooms

Need a job? Consider working on-campus. Meet the different departments looking for student workers.

What is Left to Do At MSU?

Wednesday, September 26 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm in SC 417

The 20 things you must do before you graduate. Find out what will help your Junior year at MSU be more interesting and exciting.

Resume Prep – Learn from the Professionals

Thursday, October 11 from 9:30am – 10:30am in MO 337

Make sure your resume is the best it can be before you start applying for future positions. Let the Professionals tell you what they look for when reviewing resumes.

Am I in the Right Major?

Tuesday, November 6 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm -- Location to be announced

If you aren't sure you are on the right track, take this opportunity to talk with advisors and determine your best options.

Career Fair

Wednesday, November 7 from 3pm - 7pm in SC Ballrooms

It is never too early to start looking at potential careers/employers. Consider attending the Career Fair to pick up literature about employers and see what jobs are “out there”. You can also interview with employers.

Financial Planning II

Wednesday, November 14 from 4pm - 5pm -- Location to be announced

Prepare now for life after college. Learn about how to prepare for graduate school or that first year of full-time employment.

Considering an Internship – Why You Should?

Wednesday, November 27 from 2pm - 3pm in MO 337

Learn about internships: why they are important and how to identify and obtain one.

SPRING 2009

Among the various MSU events made available to students CSAM students should particularly take advantage of activities specifically planned for our students including the Science Professional Speaker Series, CSAM Seminars, and Sokol Science Lecture Series. Check the website at <http://csam.montclair.edu/> for more information and details.

Interviewing Techniques

Date, time and location to be announced

Employer led workshops which prepare you for internships and job interviews.

Dressing for Success

Date, time and location to be announced

Learn the do's and don'ts of professional dress for important interviews and future jobs.

Co-curricular program updates as well as other important student messages can be found by reading the e-mails sent to your montclair.edu account. Many important notices and deadlines will be communicated to you via that account, so it is important that if you have a personal account (gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc.) you link your Montclair address to it so that you don't miss essential University information. Be sure to check the academic calendar for important dates that might affect your progress at the University. These can be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/newsinfo/acadcal.html>.

Should you need any assistance throughout the year, along with your academic advisor there are many individuals at the University who will be willing to assist you. Below is a list of names and phone numbers for your convenience.

Best wishes for a terrific junior year!

Sincerely,



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(973) 655-7114

Career Development
Counseling and Psychological Services
Health Center
Student Government Association

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