



Dear Senior:

Welcome to the fall 2008 semester. The College of Science and Mathematics wants to ensure that this semester will be one of the most productive, enjoyable and supportive of your undergraduate academic career.

As a student who has earned at least 90 credits, you are in the final stages of your baccalaureate studies. While you may not feel it immediately, these days will be filled with excitement for the future as well as a bit of trepidation of the unknown for what lies ahead of you. I am hopeful that you have seen your advisor for a review of your course schedule for the fall '08 semester, but if not, I strongly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. If you are unsure of the name of your advisor, check your WESS account. Click on the word "advisor" in the lower left corner of the WESS screen to get your advisor's name.

Your faculty advisor can be of invaluable assistance in addressing any questions or concerns you may have regarding your academic work, preparing for graduate school or professional career and research opportunities. It is important that you utilize all the academic and professional services made available to you.

There are a number of workshops, programs and special events that will be of particular interest to you as a senior. These 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.

Final Resume Review

Thursday, October 18 from 2pm -3pm in MO 337

Let a professional give your resume the final once over before you begin the search process.

Effective Interview Techniques

Thursday, October 25 from 1pm – 2:30pm in MO 337

This workshop prepares you for interviewing by describing the typical questions used by an interviewer. Learn how to answer and ask questions.

Applying for Graduate School

Friday, November 2 from 9:30am – 10:30am in MO 337

Learn all about the graduate school admissions process. See if grad school is the choice for you.

Career Fair

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

Want a job lined up before you graduate? Consider attending the MSU Career Fair. Employers are looking to hire full-time and part-time employees.

Etiquette and Dining for Interviews

Time, date and location to be announced

Not sure which one is your roll or water glass? Don't let simple mistakes cost you the job of your dreams.

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, Sokol Science Lecture Series and Convocation. Check the website at <http://csam.montclair.edu/> for more information and details.

Financial Planning III

Wednesday, March 5 from 4pm - 5pm -- Location to be announced

Thinking about buying a house or a new car? Learn the tricks of the trade and get a jump start on securing your financial future.

Saying Goodbye – Transition to Life Beyond MSU

Wednesday, February 27 from 4pm - 5:30pm -- Location to be announced

For some, the transition from college life to the next stage can be filled with anxiety and trepidation. Spend some time with professionals making sure you have crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's before your graduation.

Champagne Toast and Senior Send Off

Thursday, May 18 beginning at 6pm -- Location to be announced

Join your faculty and fellow students in a toast to your future as an alumnus of MSU.

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.

I wish you all the best for a most productive 2008-2009 academic year. Best wishes for a terrific senior year. I look forward to seeing you at our college convocation and the May 2009 Commencement ceremony!

Sincerely,



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