Happy New Year, I hope you all had a pleasant holiday break and are ready to complete the spring semester. Diverse Tools for Success is an online program managed by the College of Agriculture’s Diversity Programs Office. The purpose of this program is to equip students with tools for success in college and beyond. Please welcome the newest addition to DPO, Star Page. Star is a new graduate student and she will primarily be working with the Project Impact: MAPS Scholars, please review page two for more information about Star.

The Diversity Programs Office (DPO) offers students our services and support to keep their day-to-day affairs running smoothly, allowing them to concentrate on academic and personal success. During the semester Diverse Success will be sending out newsletters which will contain information regarding: strategies on becoming a successful student, academic & extracurricular activities for leadership development, and career opportunities.

However, DPO cannot do it alone, we need you to be as invested in your future as we are. In addition, we are grateful for our corporate partners that recognize the need to recruit more minority students into agricultural studies leading them to create minority scholarships, which the DPO is responsible for distributing. So, we would like to thank our corporate sponsors, Cargill for their continued support of our diversity efforts.

Please remember that your number one focus at KSU is your academics, if at any time you need support, the DPO is here for YOU! Please do not hesitate to use as your resource. I wish the best of success to all of you and please come stop by the office which is located in Waters 139.

GO STATE!
Zelia Wiley, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean & Director for Diversity
As a student your first priority in college is to study. A consequence of your work during the academic year will be your GPA. Your GPA is very important because this gives you opportunities to access scholarships and internships. Also, a good GPA is a tool that will help you with your professors.

1– Keep course load in mind.
Don’t try to pack your schedule full of classes. It is better to get less than 5 classes and get A’s than to take more and get C’s or D’s.

2-Focus on the big picture instead of just the grade.
Pay attention during your class period, it is very important to take notes. If you can, record the class. Your goal should be to learn for your future, so if you are not sure about something ASK QUESTIONS. Good professors are usually willing to help the students. The worst questions are the ones you never ask.

3-Don’t procrastinate.
Do your homework and assignments far enough in advance so you are not rushing the night/day before it is due. If you finish your work one or two days ahead you can ask someone to review it and make suggestions to improve. Remember your work will be looked at in the future so you want to make it your best.

4-Ask your instructor for assistance.
As we mentioned before, Ask questions. You can do this during class and in private. If you are shy, wait until the class finish and tell her/him that you will like an appointment. After that, prepare specific questions and go and visit them. It is very important that professors know you.

5– Give all classes equal attention.
You might have some easy classes but it is important to give enough time to all of them. Even though you think it is easy. If you choose classes that will help you to learn more about your degree, all will be important.

Our final recommendation is to prepare a schedule with your classes and all your activities. This will help with time management which is the key to success.

“You must hold the highest of expectations for yourself. Expect that you will succeed. Believe that you are capable and on your way to doing great things for good people. Only you have to believe it and if you waste a moment worrying about what someone else expects or wants from you, you’ll only detract from your greatness.”
–Chalene Johnson

Getting to Know Your DPO

Star is a first year graduate student in Academic Advising within the College of Education: Special Education, Counseling & Student Affairs. After graduating from Bowling Green State University; Star spent almost 4 years traveling throughout Western Europe and Southeast Asia.

Within the DPO, Star can be found working with Project Impact: MAPS Scholars and public relations efforts. If Star is not in the Diversity Programs Office she can be found either in the library or with her husband, Sam. The pair were married in South Korea in 2011. In her spare time Star enjoys reading, watching Korean dramas, and working out. If you see Star around campus don’t be afraid to say hi! :)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

University Holiday (MLK Jr. Day)
Mon. Jan 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Week
Mon. Jan 28– Sat. Feb 2

For more information on MLK events happening throughout campus, visit http://www.k-state.edu/diversity/2013MLKWeekPoster.pdf

Student Success Workshop
*Mandatory for all students on ACADEMIC WARNING FOR 2013*
Sun. Jan 27th, 12PM-2:30PM in the Big 12 Room, Student Union

The Student Success Workshop is designed to help you get back on track academically. We want you to know about all the resources available at K-State to help you become a successful student!!

RSVP to melisap@ksu.edu or call 785-532-3422

The College of Agriculture presents the 9th Annual Diversity Student Luncheon; “Is the Dream Dead or Alive?”.
Speaker: Dr. Eric C. Johnson, Senior Pastor, Tues. Jan 29th 11:30AM, in the Cottonwood Room, in the Union

RSVP to DPO NLT than January 24th at 5PM for the MLK Luncheon; 785-532-5793*

Agri-Industry Career Fair
Wed. Jan 30th, 11AM-4PM in the Union Ballroom

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