Dear Students:

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a pleasant holiday break and are ready to complete the spring semester. 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.

It is unfortunate that you are on Academic Warning however, please realize that academic issues can be attributed to several reasons; e.g. needing a tutor, literacy comprehension, home-sickness, emotional anxiety, social stressors, etc. During the semester, the DPO 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.

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.

My staff will be working with you throughout the academic year to help you remain on target.

- If you are a freshmen you will be REQUIRED to meet for academic advising twice a month.
- If you are a Project IMPACT Cargill Scholar on Academic Warning, you will be REQUIRED to meet with academic advising once a week.

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.
TOOLS FOR A GOOD GPA

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 you 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.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES
College of Ag Diversity Programs Office, 139 Waters Hall
College of Ag Academic Programs, 119 Waters Hall
Academic Assistance Center, 103 Holton Hall
Educational Supportive Services, 201 Holton Hall
Leasure Tutoring Center, 2nd floor Leasure Hall
Counseling Services 232 English Building

UPCOMING EVENTS:
University Holiday (MLK Jr. Day) Mon. Jan 20
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Week Mon. Jan 20– Fri. Jan 31
For more information on MLK events happening throughout campus, visit http://www.k-state.edu/diversity/2014MLKWeekPoster.pdf

The College of Agriculture presents the 10th Annual Diversity Student Leader Program
Speaker: Eric Banks, First African American Kansas State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
K-State Student Union, Cottonwood Room
RSVP to DPO no later than January 24th at 5PM for the MLK Luncheon; 785-532-5793*

Agri-Industry Career Fair
Wed. Jan 29th, 11AM-4PM in the Union Ballroom

Scholarships Deadline:
Scholarship Application are due no later than February 1st
http://www.k-state.edu/admissions/finaid/

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter and found it helpful. For further assistance please e-mail Dr. Wiley, zwiley@ksu.edu