Welcome Back!

Dear Students:

Welcome back to this new academic year 2013-2014. We trust you are coming with new energies to do your best this new semester. Some of you know me, others don’t, I am Dr. Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean for Diversity in the College of Agriculture. The Diversity Programs Office (DPO) created the Diverse Tools for Success online program to help students that are on academic warning; we provide strategies on how to be a successful student, presenting career opportunities, and offering an array of activities throughout the university to participate.

It is unfortunate that you are on Academic Warning, but 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.

My graduate assistant Star Page 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 with Star twice a month.
- If you are a Project IMPACT Cargill Scholar on Academic Warning, you will be **REQUIRED** to meet with Star once a week.

We encourage you to set goals and to make a plan for this year. Please work hard to make it true. It doesn’t matter your past, you can start again and overcome all the obstacles. Make sure you know WHO YOU ARE and WHO YOU WANT TO BE! I’m here to help you during your college career. Please stop by my office **(Waters Hall 139)** and make an appointment to see me. It would be great to meet you and learn how I may assist you.

Best wishes this semester and remember **YOU CAN DO IT**!

Sincerely,

Dr. Wiley

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**KEYS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

- Keep your sense of humor.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Study for long-term memory.
- Use index cards as pocket organizers.
- Don’t wait to get a tutor.
- Review notes right after class.
- Use flash cards to help you remember information.
- Write everything down.
- Find a quiet place to study.
- Take lots of notes.

**CAMPUS 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 online programs & resources: Academic Anxiety, Stress Management, University Life Café, [http://www.k-state.edu/counseling/topics/](http://www.k-state.edu/counseling/topics/)
- Multicultural Student Organizations
- Academic Resource Center Arc/Darc
- **YOUR ADVISOR!**

**Tools for a good GPA**

- **Develop time management skills:** prepare a schedule with your classes and all your activities.
- **Focus on the big picture instead of just the grade:** Pay attention, take notes. If you can, record the class, **ASK QUESTIONS** - *The worst questions are the ones you never ask.*
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

**REQUIRED MEETING FOR ALL PROJECT IMPACT CARGILL SCHOLARS**

If you have a cumulative 2.5 or higher and are a Cargill Scholar, you **must attend this mandatory meeting or funds will not be dispersed.**

**When:** Monday August 26, 2013, 5:45pm  
**Where:** Flint Hills Room Student Union