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April 25-May 2, 2014

Finals Week Study Tips

Are you stressing over finals week? The benefits of learning how to prepare for an exam far outweighs the stresses of cramming. Here are a few study tips that are proven to work!

1. Don’t Procrastinate: Procrastinating causes unnecessary stress and sets one up for failure. Instead, plan ahead. Look at your exam schedule and begin studying for your first, or hardest, final now.

2. Find a quiet place to study: Find somewhere to study that’s conducive for concentrating and learning.

3. Study with a partner: Find a classmate or friend to study with you. This can be extremely beneficial if you are both preparing for the same exam.

4. Get plenty of rest: Most college students think that studying all night will help them learn more for an exam but pulling an all-nighter can actually damage grades.

5. Create study cards: You can create cards to study important terms, concepts, formulas and important quotes from textbooks.

Last Chance To Attend A Career Fair!

If you missed Engineering Day, here’s your last chance to attend a career fair and land the internship or job opportunity you’ve been looking for!

The Statewide Job Fair held in Orlando, FL. For a list of participating employers visit: https://ucf-csm.symplicity.com/events/students.php?mode=list&cf=2014Statewide

Also, Dean Steel Buildings, Inc. is looking for a Civil Engineering student to work a minimum of 4 hours a day, to serve as an estimator and EIT for the Thomasville, GA facility. For more information visit: http://www.deansteelbuildings.com/
Florida A&M University is now the home of the 2014 U.S. Intercollegiate Boxing Associations heavyweight champion.

Rattler Willie Ferrell defended his title as the 2013 heavyweight champion. Ferrell also took home the championship belt earlier this month.

Ferrell’s triumphant journey in the boxing ring is featured in the April 2014 Sports Illustrated issue, which features stories of Ferrell’s relationship with his mother and late brother Jonathan Ferrell whose death has been affiliated with alleged racial profiling.

“I was proud to represent my brother. I was proud that I was able to show the world what FAMU has to offer,” said Ferrell about what it felt like to be handed the championship belt once again.

FAMU’s Retention Rate Efforts Nationally Recognized

Florida A&M University has been named as one of the top Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s) “Where Freshman Return” by U.S. News & World Report. FAMU ranked No. 4 on the “Freshman Return List” with an average retention rate of 79.5 percent. FAMU exceeded the list’s average freshman retention rate of 63.5 percent. The rankings are based on the publications of a 2013 survey. The “Freshman Return” list reveals the top 10 institutions, out of 68 ranking HBCUs, with the highest average freshman retention rate for first-year students from fall 2008-2011. U.S. News also named FAMU among the top 10 HBCU’s in the nation in its 2014 ranking.

FAMU College of Law Celebrates Top Passage Rate

The FAMU College of Law recently announced that 72.2 percent of its first-time examinees passed the February 2014 Florida Bar Exam. The Florida Bar Exam first-time cumulative pass rate for February 2014 was 72.9 percent. These accomplishments are significant, as FAMU College of Law students exhibited a strong performance on the exam, despite a decline in Bar passage rates among Florida’s law schools over the last year. FAMU out-paced five of the 11 Florida law schools, including the University of Florida.

Attention FAMU Graduates !!!

Before you cross the stage, there’s still one thing left to do! In an effort to evaluate the General Education Core and the flow of knowledge into the degree programs, all students graduating with a bachelor’s degree are asked to take the ETS Proficiency Profile test. It is requested that you pass this information on to any senior students.

How to take the EPP:

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**FSU Main Campus News**

**FSU Professor Completes Third Fulbright Posting**

Elizabeth Goldsmith has completed a record-setting third Fulbright posting as a member of Florida State’s faculty — the first to do so — serving as a Fulbright specialist at the University of Malta in February.

The appointment gave the professor of Human Sciences, a chance to share her expertise on a number of subjects with Maltese undergraduate students, ranging from family resource management to a discussion on changes in U.S. families, households and consumer behavior.

“My affiliation with the Fulbright program has been an especially rewarding part of my career, and I am grateful to everyone who assisted me in achieving this milestone,” Goldsmith said.

**FSU Graduate Programs Moving Up In Rankings**

Florida State University’s graduate programs in education, law, statistics, chemistry and physics continue to move up in national rankings and are listed among the best graduate and professional programs in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 edition of “Best Graduate Schools.”

“Our goal is to advance the quality of the graduate education that we provide our students, and the rise in the rankings of several programs is a testament to the hard work of our faculty, staff and students,” said Nancy Marcus, dean of The Graduate School. “These rankings reflect the continued enhancement of Florida State’s academic reputation.”

**The Year Of The Seminole**

**Go Noles !!**

Congrats to Florida State’s men’s and women’s track teams. Both teams won first place at the ACC Outdoor Championships.

Dentarious Locke continued his outstanding season. Locke won a national championship at the NCAA Indoor Championships, earning Most Valuable Track Performer for winning two gold medals along with leading a third-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

**FSU Premiers New Scholarship Program**

A select group of up to 25 Florida State University freshmen this Fall, will make up the first class of Presidential Scholars and benefit from exceptional support and experiences.

The Presidential Scholars Program is a merit-based scholarship program open to high school seniors accepted to Florida State. The program aims, in part, to attract more of the highest-achieving students in the country to FSU. Scholarship students invited to FSU’s Honors Program are invited to also apply for the Presidential Scholars Program.
Are You Looking For An Internship?

Have You Ever Wanted To Work With NASA? This Is For You!
The NASA Office of Education is accepting applications for NASA Scholars. The NASA Scholarship is a competitive opportunity that focuses on students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, disciplines, to address the critical shortage of qualified STEM professionals that the nation is facing.

Eligible students include rising freshman sophomores and juniors, at the undergraduate level, who will complete their undergraduate degree in spring 2016 or later.

The scholarship includes up to a $9,000 academic scholarship, not to exceed 75 percent of verified tuition, and a $6,000 stipend for a 10-week internship at a NASA center during summer 2015. The internship provides scholars with a unique NASA research experience and preparation for global competitiveness. Visit https://intern.nasa.gov/ for an application.

Applications are due May 16, 2014.

FSU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Faculty applications are now open to FSU’s Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). UROP is a year-long program that places high-achieving first and second-year students as research assistants with faculty members working on research or creative projects. All UROP students attend a year-long research colloquium and present their work at the annual FSU Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium.

We encourage you to upload a project for which you would like research assistants (and view previous UROP projects) through our site: http://our.fsu.edu/Faculty-Research-Mentors/Faculty-Graduate-Student-Submission-Form-for-UROP. Projects must be uploaded by August 25th, 2014.

For more information on UROP, contact Dr. Joe O’Shea, Director of Undergraduate Research, at joshea@fsu.edu.

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Did You Know?

**Center for Academic Support for Engineering (CASE) Laboratory is now in the Engineering Library**

The Center for Academic Support for Engineering (CASE), administered through the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Curriculum, is located in the Engineering Library (Building A, 2nd floor, room A-225). The CASE tutoring laboratory offers individual and group walk-in tutoring services.

**New Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Course.**

Think you’ve got a technology based idea? Then you may want to consider taking the Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization course.

Beginning Fall 2014, every Monday from 5:30-8:00p.m. in room B136, this three credit hour course will be offered.

For graduate students: EIN 5930, Section.3 (FSU #8202; FAMU #TBD)
For undergraduate students: EIN 4936, Section. 4 (FSU #8203; FAMU #TBD).

**ABET Accreditation Information Posted on Engineering Website**

All of the undergraduate degree programs at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc, [http://www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org). The College recently posted information required by ABET regarding program educational objectives, student outcomes, student enrollments and annual graduation data for each degree program at URL: [http://www.eng.fsu.edu/about/accreditation/outcomes-abet.html](http://www.eng.fsu.edu/about/accreditation/outcomes-abet.html).

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**Don’t Be Alarmed!**

If you happen to see a new face on the campus, its the security guard who will be patrolling the engineering campus during the overnight and weekend hours. You must have a College of Engineering decal on your student ID card to be in the building during that time. Otherwise, you will be asked to leave the building until we re-open for regular business hours (Monday to Friday from 7AM to 7PM). On Saturday, April 26, we will be in the Building A-Atrium from 3pm to 5pm providing ID decals. You may also pick-up a decal anytime from the Office of Student Services located in Room B-111 from 9AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, you may contact the Office of Student Services at studentsupport@eng.fsu.edu, or call 850-410-6423.