

# Parent & Family Newsletter



## JOIN US FOR WINTER WEEKEND

**January 27 – January 29**

Join us for a fun-filled weekend to welcome students and families back to campus! Highlights include:

### **Friday, January 27**

Comedian/hypnotist Kevin Hurley at 7 pm in the Marsh Dining Commons, Central Campus. Free.

### **Saturday, January 28**

Women's basketball vs. Westfield State at 1 pm in Twohig Gym, O'Keefe Sports Center

Fun, free activities including face painting, sand art and photo tiles from 2–6 pm in the O'Keefe Sports Center lobby

Men's basketball vs. Westfield State at 3 pm in Twohig Gym, O'Keefe Sports Center

Women's ice hockey vs. Worcester State at 5:30 pm in Rockett Arena, O'Keefe Sports Center

Casino Night at 7 pm in Marsh Dining Hall, Central Campus. Play assorted casino games and win raffle tickets for a chance to win big prizes!

### **Sunday, January 29**

Trip to see Green Day's musical "An American Idiot" in Boston. Contact program council at 978.542.7701 for more details.

## CAREER SERVICES

Spring is a busy time for students at all stages of their academic career. Freshmen, sophomore and undeclared students are beginning to think about their choice of major, and possible career ideas. Other students who originally entered the university pretty certain of their career direction may be considering new ideas. This isn't unusual the majority of students nationally, change their major at least once.

One great way to support your student as they explore different options is to encourage them to seek informational interviews with professionals who work in areas they are interested in to learn more about a possible career path. Gaining insight into what skills and experiences are valued, what the individual studied, what's a typical day, as well as to gather suggestions from a potential employer about how best to capitalize on the college years.

Experience does count, so encourage your student to consider their part-time and/or summer job as an opportunity to gain valuable skills. Volunteering and participating in multiple internships goes a long way toward building a resume that will stand out and provides an opportunity to network and try out their chosen field. We suggest that everyone consider doing something experiential (internship, study abroad, research) during their university experience. It helps an individual gain confidence, real-world knowledge and provides contacts that can become the foundation of an active network of professional contacts.

As students advance in their education it will be important to gather information about what they can do with a major, start to narrow down a career path and begin to conduct research on what organizations are involved in this work. The better they know themselves and their industry the easier their job search will be.

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## COMPLETING YOUR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS IN SPRING OR SUMMER 2012?

Is your student graduating this May? Please remind them to apply for graduation on Navigator. Priority applications for spring 2012 graduation are due on January 31 and for summer 2012 completers on March 15.

## WONDERING ABOUT YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS?

Degree tracker is here! Your student can now track graduation requirements in real time by logging into Navigator and clicking on "View my advisement report" on the academic home page. Thinking of adding a minor or changing your major? Try creating a "What-if" report by clicking on "Create a what-if scenario."

For more information, please contact the registrar's office at [saalemstate.edu/registrar](http://saalemstate.edu/registrar).

## FROM THE REGISTRAR

**First day of classes is  
Tuesday, January 17**

### **Add/drop registration**

The add/drop period begins on January 13 at 8:30 am and ends on January 24 at midnight. During this time, students may rearrange their schedule by adding or dropping courses via Navigator at [navigator.salemstate.edu](http://navigator.salemstate.edu).

*All actively enrolled students are provided a Navigator account. On Navigator, students can register for classes, view class schedules, pay bills, etc. Contact the information technology services help desk at 978.542.2036 or [it-helpdesk@saalemstate.edu](mailto:it-helpdesk@saalemstate.edu) for assistance.*

## CAREER SERVICES *continued*

An internship is a great way to begin this process. We suggest that students schedule a meeting with our office at least the semester before they plan on doing the actual internship. More and more employers expect candidates to have completed at least one internship or practical experience (field placement, clinical, student teaching).

Our annual job fair is scheduled for Monday, March 26 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for graduating students to make connections with employers about full-time opportunities. It is also a great opportunity for underclassman to gather information about different fields and identify possible internships and/or part-time jobs.

Encourage your student to become familiar with the office, our Web pages at [saalemstate.edu/careersvs](http://saalemstate.edu/careersvs) and the many resources available to them. Each semester we publish a flier outlining events, workshops and resume/cover letter critique sessions. Encourage your student to get in the habit of printing this flier out the first week of classes and to post it in a visible spot in their room. In addition we have created a Web page just for parents and families that can be found at [saalemstate.edu/careersvs](http://saalemstate.edu/careersvs).

Also please remind your student that career services is here to help. Students can either call 978.542.6406 or drop by the Ellison Campus Center room 105 to schedule an appointment. We look forward working with your student.

**Chris Sullivan, Director, Career Services**

## THE TUTORING PROGRAM AT SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

Is your child having difficulty in a class? Student Academic Support Services (SASS) offers peer tutoring in many of our academic courses. We encourage your child to take advantage of this free service and get tutored by one of their peers. Peer tutoring has proven to be an effective tool in increasing academic success. Our peer tutors will help your child become independent, self-confident and more efficient learners.

The tutoring program is located in Student Academic Support Services on the bottom floor of the Ellison Campus Center. Tutoring is available Monday–Friday from 8:30 am–5 pm. Tutoring is also available (by appointment only) Monday–Thursday from 5–10 pm in the Salem State University Library. For nursing majors, tutoring is also located in the nursing department.

Signing up is simple! Just have your student sign into their Navigator account and select the request for tutoring form. For more information, please visit our Web pages at [saalemstate.edu/sass](http://saalemstate.edu/sass). You can also contact Rhonda Mercier at 978.542.6213 or [rmercier@saalemstate.edu](mailto:rmercier@saalemstate.edu).



## GO GREEK!



Fraternities and sororities offer friendship, leadership, and service opportunities. Efforts are underway currently to develop three organizations on campus. Students can check out these Web pages below or email [gogreek@salemstate.edu](mailto:gogreek@salemstate.edu) to be part of the excitement!

Joining a fraternity or sorority doesn't make you better than anyone else—it makes you better than who you were.

### ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

[ALPHASIGMAPHI.ORG](http://ALPHASIGMAPHI.ORG)

For more information visit our website.

### SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY

[SAE.NET](http://SAE.NET)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon offers scholarship opportunities and student loans to our initiated brothers, as well as educational opportunities for both initiated brothers and colony members through the John O. Moseley Leadership School, which we host every summer. These opportunities are offered by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation.

Locally, the province offers travel grant opportunities for undergraduates in order to attend the John O. Moseley Leadership School, plus we host an annual regional Leadership School. In the last few years, just in the Boston area alone, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships, and in one case made an emergency loan to an undergrad that would have otherwise been dropped by his school. A listing of some of the scholarships available can be found at [saerecord.net/files/docs/ScholarshipApp.pdf](http://saerecord.net/files/docs/ScholarshipApp.pdf).

### PHI SIGMA SIGMA SORORITY

[PHISIGMASIGMA.ORG](http://PHISIGMASIGMA.ORG)

Phi Sigma Sigma is a dynamic, principled, passionately committed group of women from across the world who define ourselves not by our distinct differences, but by what we have in common.

We are nearly 100 years old, and growing. Founded in 1913 in New York City, Phi Sigma Sigma is internationally recognized as a progressive, successful women's philanthropic and social organization with cutting-edge leadership programming for college students, active clubs, and special events for alumnae from coast to coast, a strong Foundation, state-of-the-art technological capabilities, and a strategic focus on our future.

The generosity of alumnae, collegiate and alumnae chapters, individual members, and friends, has enabled the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation to maintain a strong educational grant and scholarship program. Educational grants and scholarships are awarded to both collegiate and graduate members to help our sisters aim high.

## CLIPPERCARD NEWS

The ClipperCard is the university identification card. It also holds multiple spending accounts as part of the student meal plan which are great tools to teach your student the responsibility of budgeting and managing money each semester without the debt risk that a credit card can bring. The ClipperCard allows your student to make purchases on and off campus, and also provides access to many different resources on campus.

Parents, friends and family members can deposit funds directly to a student ClipperCard through our Web page at [salemstate.netcardmanager.com](http://salemstate.netcardmanager.com). Learn more about the ClipperCard by visiting [salemstate.edu/clippercard](http://salemstate.edu/clippercard).

## HAS LIFE THROWN YOU A CURVE BALL?

If your student's plans have changed and they have decided not to attend Salem State for the spring 2012 semester, and you have not notified us, please contact academic advising at 978.542.7049 or [advising@salemstate.edu](mailto:advising@salemstate.edu).

## GOT QUESTIONS?

Does your student have a question about Salem State but they don't know where to turn or who to ask? Are they not sure which department can help? Have them call the student help hotline at 978.542.6980 for answers. Or, students can email [studenthelp@salemstate.edu](mailto:studenthelp@salemstate.edu) to get their questions answered directly.

## A TASTE OF HOME

Do you have a special dish that is your student's favorite? A treat that they look forward to when they come home or that they miss while they're away at school? Why not share your recipe with the rest of campus? Please tell us your recipe and we will post them on the Salem State web page. Chartwells Food Services will even attempt to re-create one families' favorite dish in the dining hall. Visit [salemstate.edu/family](http://salemstate.edu/family) to learn more.

## SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY FUND

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