A Word from Our Director

Spring Break is over, but spring fever is about to hit!! After this long winter we are all going to want to enjoy the warm weather. This is a great idea as long as it doesn’t hinder our work.

There is the saying “Work Hard, Play Hard”. This is what we need to remember when balancing the demands of being a student and still having time for family, friends and fun.

As the distractions begin and finals come closer it is important to manage your time wisely so you have time for everything you need and want to do. Here is a simple hint for you to enjoy spring, and be successful.

PRIORITIZE, PRIORITIZE, PRIORITIZE - This one tip can make your semester much more enjoyable. Determine each day what you HAVE to get done, what you NEED to get done, and what you WANT to get done. Develop the plan to accomplish everything you HAVE to get done. Determine how much time you have to accomplish what you NEED to get done and what you WANT to get done. Make sure you schedule your day, so you have time to make it to your WANT list!!

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Looking for a Job or Internship?

Don’t miss the
Career Connections Fair
March 26th,
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Beaux Arts Ballroom

The fair is hosting employers who are hiring/recruiting for
full-time jobs, part-time jobs, summer jobs (including summer camps), internship positions

All students are invited to attend.

Students are encouraged to dress professionally and bring a copy of your resume if seeking an internship or full-time employment.

For more information go to http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/calendar/career_fairs/2014/03/26
Every fall semester the Beaux Arts ballroom is transformed into a majestic castle where the Bemidji Choir stages the spectacular Madrigals Dinners. During the event singers recreate the atmosphere of a renaissance feast once held in English castles, bringing to life the regal pageantry and ceremonial pomp of Merrie Olde England.

For several years, TRIO/SSS has purchased tickets so participants can experience this cultural event. Last fall TRIO/SSS sent 56 participants to the Madrigal Dinners.

This is not a typical dinner-and-show experience. Before and during dinner groups of Minstrels, Beggars, Cellar Keepers, and Recorders visit each table to perform different songs. The royal court then enters and provides additional musical entertainment during a five-course meal. The evening also includes a masque. This is a comical play written by a BSU student and performed by the King’s Players.

The exceptional singing makes it is easy to understand why the Bemidji Choir has an international reputation for excellence. Madrigal Dinners is incredibly fun and unique. It is definitely something every student should experience at least once while attending BSU.

TRIO McNair Scholars Program Now Accepting Applications for Next Fall

The McNair Scholars program prepares BSU students for graduate school and provides opportunities to conduct research, participate in conferences, and visit graduate schools, as well as offering research and presentation courses, seminars in GRE preparation, and career and academic advising.

In order to be eligible for the program, students must be from an underrepresented background (Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders) OR a first generation (neither parent has a bachelor’s degree or higher) student that can meet low income guidelines.

Contact Kristina Cirks at kcirks@bemidjistate.edu for an application or go to: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/triosss/mcnair/.

"Walking Debt"
Financial Literacy Campaign!

Promoting financial literacy to help students understand their debt and make the right decisions when it comes to student loans, credit cards and budgeting.

What do you know about student loans?

Take the walking debt questionnaire and be entered to win one of two $100 Visa gift cards!

Find the questionnaire at: http://www.msusa.org/index.asp?SEC=550EBA77-55ED-4E68-BA0F-74411BDD299B&Type=B_BASIC

Get Ready for Fall Semester with These Helpful Links

- How to Register for Classes
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- BSU Financial Aid Application

Complete the FAFSA and BSU Financial Aid Application by March 31 to maximize chances for scholarships and grants.
When and Where to Ask Questions

The best time to ask questions is during class so everybody can hear the answers. Here is a list of common reasons students don’t ask questions in class and how to address these concerns.

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<td>I'm afraid of asking a silly question.</td>
<td>If you are going to class and doing the reading, no question is silly.</td>
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<td>Everybody else knows the answer; my classmates will think I'm stupid if I ask questions.</td>
<td>While some students might know the answer to your question, there will be many more like you who don't know the answer. You will do yourself and them a favor by asking your question.</td>
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<td>Someone else will ask the question or the teacher will answer it as part of the lecture.</td>
<td>This might not happen. The only way to guarantee your question gets answered is to ask it.</td>
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<td>I should be able to find the answer later in the book or on the internet.</td>
<td>You might forget to look for the answer later; the answer may not be in the book; and, there is a lot of incorrect information on the internet. The quickest way to get a correct answer is to ask the professor.</td>
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What To Ask

You don’t need an elaborately worded question. The best questions are short and simple and are about the current topic. Some simple ways to politely phrase questions are:

- What does __________ mean?
- I didn’t understand all of __________. Would you please go over it again?
- Could you please explain the point about… on page ____ in our book?

Helpful Tip

Write questions as you listen, read the book, or preview the professor's lecture notes online. Formulating questions aimed at the subject-matter as you are listening or reading will help to solidify the information in your mind and help you be more confident about asking questions.

A Few Questions Not to Ask

I was absent last class, did I miss anything? Class wasn’t cancelled because you were not there, so you definitely missed things. It’s better to get the notes from a classmate, study them, and then talk to your professor about any questions you may have.

Do we have to know this? Will this be on the test? Getting an education is about more than just what will be on tests. You can benefit from learning material even if it is not on a test. It’s better to ask your professor to suggest ways to study the material to help you learn it well.
Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Day

What: Student presentations of original research or creative accomplishments.
Who Should Attend: All students
When: Wednesday, April 9
Where: Memorial Hall, Hagg-Sauer Hall, Bridgeman Hall
Time: 8:00 am – 2:20 pm
Why You Should Go: To support your classmates who are presenting or performing, to see how presentations are done to help you prepare for doing your own senior project, to learn something interesting in your field or in a field different from your major, you might earn extra credit (check with your professors about this).
For more information: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/conferences/scholarship_achievement/

Some TRIO/SSS students who presented or performed in the past include: Alex Carlson, Eric Johnson, Tyler Knowles, Kristine Markham, Krysta Miller, Laura Miller, Joseph Moubry, Chloe Streeper, Megan Wark, and Lucas Youngblom.

TRIO/SSS Awards Presentation and End of Year Celebration

Thursday, May 1st

Watch for details to come in April

Also On Campus...

41st Annual Pow Wow:
Friday – Sunday, March 28 – 30

Festival of Nations:
Saturday, April 5th, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Headwaters Film Festival:
Friday & Saturday, April 11 & 12

Earth Week: April 21-25

Funtastic Dance Follies:
April 10, 11, 12, 13

Go Beavers!

Find out when to cheer on our BSU athletes by going to:
http://www.bsubeavers.com/schedules/composite/

Sophomore Key to Success

What: Celebrating your commitment to completing your degree and BSU’s pledge to helping you achieve your academic goals.
Who Should Attend: All Sophomores and Second Year Students
When: Wednesday, April 9th 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where: Beaux Arts Ballroom
Why you should go: To receive a special gift, to get connected with valuable resources, to enjoy free pizza and soda, to enter the drawing for door prizes including an Ipod Nano.

Music Measures

There are many music performances BSU students can enjoy this semester for free (most are in Bangsberg Hall).

Sunday, March 23rd, 3:00 pm
Charles Lazarus Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 pm
Wind Ensemble Concert

Sunday April 6, 3:00 pm
Bemidji Choir Concert

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 pm: Collage Concert

Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 pm: Varsity Singers Concert

Saturday, April 26 7:30 pm: Blue Ice

Sunday, April 27, 3:00 pm:
Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band

Sunday, May 4th, 3:00 pm Sanford Center:
Bemidji Symphony/Bemidji Choir/Bemidji Chorale

For more information and more music events go to:
http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/music/calendar/