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Blue Demon Week 2016

Today kicks off the beginning of Blue Demon Week – a celebration that brings together students, faculty, staff and alumni to celebrate what it means to be a DePaul Blue Demon. Student organizations and departments from across the university have a week of events planned for the DePaul community. Parents and families can get involved by wearing blue on Thursday, January 28th – share your photos on social media with #OTWWB (and be sure to post in the [Parents @ DePaul Facebook group!](#)).

Students can learn more about the events on campus by visiting go.depaul.edu/bluedemonweek.

Financial Aid for the 2016 - 2017 Academic Year

It's time to talk finances! DePaul has encouraged current students to complete their FAFSA before February 15th, especially if your student receives the Illinois MAP grant. If your student hasn't submitted their FAFSA yet, encourage them to do so as soon as possible. After you complete your 2015 tax returns, you can go back to update your online FAFSA application using the IRS data retrieval function.

Visit http://www.nasfaa.org/students/about_financial_aid.aspx for guidance on completing the FAFSA, including [FAFSA Tips and Common Mistakes to Avoid](#).

Housing Planning for the 2016 - 2017 Academic Year

As Winter quarter progresses, many of you (or your students) may start thinking about housing options for the upcoming school year. There are several resources available for students who are navigating the housing process for next year:

- **Housing Services:** Room Selection, the process for our current campus residents to select housing for the next academic year, will take place in April. Encourage your students to complete a 2016-17 housing agreement at myhousing.depaul.edu, to ensure they receive information regarding this process. Also, watch for additional Room Selection information from Housing Services in the next few weeks.
- **Off-Campus Living:** An Off-Campus Housing Fair will be held in late April for students seeking off-campus housing next year. Next quarter's Family Connection will contain full details for you to share with your student.
- **Commuter Resource Fair:** On February 25th, from 11 am - 2 pm, and 3:30 - 6 pm, there will be a Commuter Resource Fair on the 11th floor of the DePaul Center in the Loop campus for students to speak with resources related to housing, transportation, and parking. This is a great event for students who currently - and those looking to - live off-campus!

Student Leadership Application Processes

Many departments in Student Affairs are recruiting for student leadership positions for the 2016-17 academic year! If your student is interested in applying for a leadership role on campus, share [this website](#) with them so they don't miss out!

Parents & Family Resources

[Book review: Straight A's Aren't Enough](#)

Vicki Nelson of College Parent Central recommends this book, written for students, but offering great insights for parents to share and pass along to students. Whether your student struggled in their first quarter or is facing difficulty in a course for the first time in their junior year, “[t]he book is intended to help students study better, and smarter, to be able to move beyond simply grades to a true education. One of the strengths of this book is that, as the author discusses true learning, she fills the book with strategies that are bound to raise any student’s grades in the process.”

Upcoming Dates to Note

Monday, February 1	DEADLINE: Application for June 2015 Commencement and June 2015 Degree Conferral
Monday, February 8	Begin SQ2016 and Summer 2016 Registration
Sunday, February 21	Last day to withdraw from WQ2016 classes
Friday, March 11	TUITION DUE: SPRING QUARTER 2016
Saturday, March 12	End WQ 2016 Day & Evening Classes
Monday, March 14	Begin WQ 2016 Day & Evening Final Exams WQ 2016 Grading Available for Faculty
Saturday, March 19	End WQ 2016 Day & Evening Final Exams END WINTER QUARTER 2016
Saturday, March 19	Begin Spring Break
Friday, March 25	End Spring Break Good Friday - University officially closed
Saturday, March 26	Easter Holiday - University officially closed
Sunday, March 27	Easter Holiday - University officially closed
Monday, March 28	GRADES DUE: WINTER 2016 IN Grades issued Spring and Summer 2015 lapse to F R Grades issued Winter 2015 lapse to F BEGIN SQ2016 DAY & EVENING CLASSES

Sunday, April 3	Last day to add (or swap) classes to SQ2016 schedule
Friday, April 8	Last day to select pass/fail option
Sunday, April 10	Last day to drop classes with no penalty (100% tuition refund if applicable and no grade on transcript)
Monday, April 11	Grades of "W" assigned for classes dropped on or after this day
Friday, April 15	Last day to select auditor status
Friday, March 4	Winter Quarter Room Changes Complete Last Day to Cancel Housing to Receive Partial Winter Quarter Credit (Housing)
Saturday, March 19	Spring Quarter Move-In for New Residents (Housing)
Friday, April 1	Summer Housing Agreements Available Spring Quarter Room Changes Begin (Housing)
April 12, 2016	University Center Room Selection (Housing)
April 13, 2016	Lincoln Park Residence Hall Open House (Housing)
April 18, 2016	Last Day to Submit Room Change Requests (Housing)
April 18, 2016	Spring Quarter Facility Inspections Begin (Housing)

Highlights from Around DePaul

From DePaul Newsline: If you've visited the Lincoln Park campus and been anywhere near the Student Center, you've probably seen the statue of Monsignor John Egan; now learn a little more about the man behind the statue.

http://www.depaulnewsline.com/features/monsignor-john-j-egan-man-behind-statue?utm_source=CRM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=january-7-2016

From the DePaul Art Museum: With refined appreciation for materials, but very different approaches, the art of Dianna Frid and Richard Rezac meets on complementary grounds at DePaul Art Museum's "Split Complementary" exhibition, opening January 28th.

<http://newsroom.depaul.edu/NewsReleases/showNews.aspx?NID=2975#sthash.rmt0evfA.dpuf>

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