Welcome Back from SGO

Welcome back to a new semester at SUNY Ulster! This semester promises to be full of fun and friends as SUNY Ulster brings its 50th anniversary to a finale. I hope you enjoyed the Welcome Back festivities and visited with some of our many clubs.

Some upcoming events to look forward to include Valentine’s Day, our Celtic Culture Celebration for St. Patrick’s Day, SUNY Ulster’s Got Talent, SGO Spring Carnival and many other events in between! Stop by the Student Government office in Vanderlyn Room 155 to discover more details about upcoming events and activities, as well as how you can stay involved on campus.

Also remember the next Student Council Meeting will be Feb. 5, 1 p.m., in Vanderlyn 111.

Here’s to a grand semester,
Ethan Burwell
Student Government President

File Scholarship Applications Electronically

Don’t miss out on applying for over $180,000 awarded annually by the Ulster Community College Foundation to more than 200 deserving students. Submitting an application for scholarships is now easier with the new electronic application.

Students can fill out the form online and email to: roserb@sunyulster.edu. Be sure to complete all the red required boxes. Or the application can be printed and submitted to the Ulster Community College Foundation. Either way, don’t forget the Feb. 7, 4 p.m. deadline for submission. The link to the application is: http://www.sunyulster.edu/docs/scholarships/2014_gen_app_electronic.pdf

Living in the Digital World

The first presentation in the new “Navigating Your Digital Life” series, co-sponsored by the Macdonald DeWitt Library and SGO, takes place Feb. 20 on “Dating and Social Media: Do They Mix?” Open to all students, the session will explore dating in the electronic world, starting at noon in the Student Life Center Dining Hall.

STUDENT QUESTION:
What social media do you use?

Queenie Muhammad, 23
Kingston
I use Facebook and Instagram to stay connected with my friends and share videos and photos and funny things. I’m following my online English class on Facebook.

Josh Tucker, 18
Hurley
I use Facebook to stay in touch with distant family and friends. Instagram to see pictures, posts of friends and Twitter- interact with peers.

Sarah Lipari, 18
Gardiner
I use Facebook because an organization called perseverence. I use Facebook as a tool to advertise and document the organizations accomplishments.

Fatimah Franklin, 25
Kingston
I use Facebook and google + (hangouts to keep in contact with friends and family).

Marco DiBella, 18
Gardiner
I actually do not use any social media at all. Although there are definitely some benefits to using them, there has never been enough of a pull factor to make it worth my time.

Meghan Rapp, 23
Malden
Instagram is my favorite social media site because it allows me to share some of my own art work and receive feedback from a different group of people. P.S Yay Art Club!
Students Pledge “It Can Wait”
SUNY Ulster students are leading others in the campaign to stop driving while texting and/or talking on cell phones. At the Welcome Back party, students experienced the dangers of distracted driving by trying a computerized driver simulator; and participating in “Distract O Match” activities that let them attempt to perform driving tasks while texting or otherwise being distracted. Students also signed cards pledging “It Can Wait” and received ICM giveaways.

Student groups, including the Veteran’s Club, Student Government Organization (SGO) and student aides from Health and Safety/Continuing Education, have been leading the efforts to encourage their peers to drive safer.

MLK and Black History Month Celebrations
SUNY Ulster students celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King with various events on and off campus and donated spare change to benefit the Dr. King Center for Nonviolent Social Change during “Pocket Change for Peace.”

The Rev. Childs of the Point of Praise Church will be on campus to speak about Black History Month on Feb. 19 at noon in the College Lounge. We also will have a Black History Trivia Contest on Feb. 4 at noon, in the Student Life Dining Center. Prizes will be awarded in this fun challenge. The contest is sponsored by the SGO & Student Event Planning Council.

Senator’s Schedule
The Senators Men’s basketball team returns home for games in the Senate Gymnasium Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.; Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

SUNY Ulster Women’s Softball Is Making A Comeback!
If you are a full-time student at SUNY Ulster and are interested in playing Women’s Intercollegiate Softball, please contact Coach Petrozak at petrozaj@sunyulster.edu. Pre-season conditioning and practices are scheduled to begin Feb. 3.