### HOW AM I DOING?

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MEASURE YOUR PROGRESS?** THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH STUDENT SUCCESS. THE MORE OFTEN YOU DO THESE THINGS, THE MORE APT YOU ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT MSU.

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### FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

(CAL Networking Bingo)
Welcome...Dean Karin Wurst
This Year in CAL...Assoc. Dean Janet Swenson
Study Abroad...Beth Judge
Career Services...Courtney Chapin
Alumni Panel
Kirk Domer & Rob Roznowski (Theatre)
Evaluations & Meet Your Fellow Majors!
Dear Students,

Welcome to Michigan State University and to the College of Arts and Letters. This week, you have begun a journey many years in the making, and with the capacity to influence your life for many years to come.

During today’s Colloquium, in this publication, and in our interactions with you across your first year, we will be encouraging you to work with us to make this year as meaningful as possible.

Pictured beneath my letter is our home, Linton Hall, the oldest public building on this campus. Students come to us from many different places, and eventually leave us to go in equally diverse directions. Our wish, however, is that from this day forward you know that this is also your home.

You have our best wishes for your continued success.

~ Dean Karin Wurst

First-Year Undergraduate Research

One advantage of attending a “Research 1” university is that your faculty are engaged in continually creating as well as sharing knowledge. The College of Arts & Letters Undergraduate Research Initiative (CAL-URI) provides opportunities for students to work closely with faculty on faculty research projects. Faculty not only mentor students as researchers, they provide unique insights into the discipline. All first-year CAL students are eligible to participate in the first-year experience in undergraduate research. See page 4 for details.

Win an iPad - PHOTO CONTEST

One Book One Community is sponsoring a photo contest to capture an array of images inspired by the themes presented in “Zeitoun.” Community members are encouraged to participate regardless of photographic expertise. Photographers can submit up to three photos (photos must fit in one of six different categories listed below) inspired by the book. The grand prize winner will receive an iPad and the first place winner in each category will receive a signed copy of “Zeitoun.”

CAL Fall Open House & Resource Fair

Would you like to meet students who are members of various clubs and organizations? Learn where you might be able to find an internship or study abroad opportunity? Find an interesting new minor or specialization?

On October 5, 2010 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM the College of Arts and Letters will sponsor an Open House and Resource Fair in UNION Parlors B&C at which students can learn more about the opportunities available to extend their learning both within and outside the classroom.

Representatives from all College majors, minors, and specializations as well as various clubs, organizations and initiatives will be present to provide you with information and answer your questions. Every 15 minutes we will be raffling off a gift card from various local businesses.
**SEPT. GOALS:**

1. **Learn to navigate in Angel (MSU’s course management system).**
2. **Put all due dates in your Sparty Planner.**
3. **Each week, learn two new things about two people on your floor.**
4. **Despite temptation, get at least 8 hrs of sleep each night.**
5. **Go to at least one film, talk, play, concert, or show.**
6. **Walk across campus and experience the magic of fall.**

**2010 Arts & Letters Colloquium Departmental Meetings**

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**CAL Fall Colloquium**

All Arts and Letters first-year students gather together for the first time at the Fall Colloquium on Tuesday, August 31, in the Auditorium of Old Horticulture, at 9:00 AM. From 9:00 - 10:15 AM, students have an opportunity to network and receive important information from administrators, faculty, and alumni. At the conclusion of this program, departmental representatives will take students to the building that houses their particular major. From 10:15-11:30 AM, students will receive important information about their majors, as well as meet other first-year students in their programs of study.

**CAL First-Year Seminars**

Faculty in the College of Arts and Letters have created an exciting new course specifically for you. This one-credit Freshman Seminar, AL 101: Arts and Letters Freshman Experience, meets the first half of the semester. AL 101 is intended to provide a foundation for optimizing your experience at MSU and in the arts and humanities.

Studies of freshman seminars nationwide have demonstrated that students who enroll in them are more apt to (1) Finish their degrees, (2) Earn higher GPA’s, and (3) More fully enjoy their time on campus.

Only a few seats remain. If you’d like to add the seminar to your schedule, send an e-mail (including your name, major and PID) to Suchitra Webster at hingwesu@msu.edu as soon as possible!

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**What in the world (or in the College of Arts and Letters) is going on?**

Visit our CALendar:

http://calendar.outreach.msu.edu/

And do something extra - ordinary today!

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**Study Away June 2011 • College of Arts & Letters • Dânielle Nicole DeVoss**


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Study Away in NYC will be held in June 2011. All students will take AL 491, a 2-credit special topics course on “Art, Culture, and NYC.” Students can choose two more courses for the 8-credit total enrollment from: WRA 308: Invention in Writing • AL/WRA 491: WriteNYC • AL/WRA 490: Independent Study

Cost is about $2100-2200 for housing, some meals, and required excursions. Students will also need to budget for travel expenses (including 30-day Metro card for public transportation), 8 credits of tuition, spending money, and meals not included in the program fees.

For additional information, contact: Dânielle Nicole DeVoss (devossda@msu.edu) or Sarah Fryer (fryer@msu.edu)

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Information meetings will be held:

Thursday, November 4 @ 4:30pm in 220 Bessey Hall
Monday, November 15 @ 2:00pm in 220 Bessey Hall
Wednesday, December 1 @ 5:00pm in 218 Bessey Hall
CAL First-Year Leadership Academy

What leaders do you admire? How did they become leaders? What common and uncommon knowledge, skills, and beliefs do leaders share?

In the CAL First-Year Leadership Academy, students will have the opportunity to network with many area leaders (including those on campus, from the surrounding areas, and from the state’s capital). Each session will be followed by a Q&A and refreshments.

In addition, sessions will enable students to practice a variety of leadership skills. Employers of our students laud not only the preparation students gain through programs of study, but also the transferable skills students develop. Employers encourage students to seek out opportunities to continue developing skills such as meeting, project, and resource management; effective communication; time and priority management; and collaboration and teamwork.

The CAL First-year Leadership Academy will begin meeting second semester. Watch CAL-SUN for details!

CAL HIGHLIGHT: Service Learning

The College of Arts and Letters organizes its work around three major themes: global awareness, creativity and inclusive democracies. We believe that one way to enact your interest in an inclusive democracy is through service. Here’s how to begin your service journey at MSU:

- Go to: https://ntweb11.ais.msu.edu/CSPweb/AppLogin.Asp
- Log in using your student MSU Net ID and password;
- Select a category of interest;
- Click on the category to find listing of specific opportunities;
- Read the Position Description of interest thoroughly to make sure the opportunity meets your intent in volunteering, schedule, transportation needs, etc.
- Once you have selected the Position you want, hit “Submit” to finalize registration.
- The next screen will provide “next steps.”

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COLLEGE CONVERSATION:
SERVICE LEARNING IN CAL

Friday, September 17, 4:00 - 5:30 PM
120 Linton Hall

Hear from other CAL students involved in service learning and share your own experiences and questions.

CAL Student Engagement

Some students will believe they obtained a college education because they attended and passed their classes. The more fortunate will understand their freshmen year that classes are only one thread in the college experience tapestry. Engage in service learning (see above), join a club or organization (see previous page), track your progress on the Engagement Checklist (see back cover) and create a college experience that is EXTRA-ordinary!

WEB RESEARCH PROJECT

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS NEEDS YOU to help conduct research to make our web site better.

You will work with a faculty member to gain experience in:
- engaging in a large-scale research project
- conducting web site analyses
- running focus groups
- developing web designs and site mockups
- delivering your ideas in a presentation and in a report

You don’t have to have any technical skill to join us. You must, however, be interested in doing research, in 21st century tools and technologies, and in learning how web sites can best meet the needs of their audiences.

The research group will have four meetings in fall, and four meetings in spring. We’ll also communicate regularly on IM and email.

Our initial information and planning meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 from 5:00–6:00pm in 317 Bessey Hall.

Make New Friends at the Theatre

This play combines the numerous themes that have always been the hallmark of Miller’s work: family, business and the American Dream. In these difficult financial times, Miller’s panoramic exploration of how a country in crisis survives is especially potent.

September 22 - 26, 2010
September 29 - October 3, 2010

College of Arts & Letters
Student Organizations of Interest to Many CAL Undergraduates

Alpha Psi Omega THR fraternity
Theatre Department
Email: calug@msu.edu
http://www.aiga.org

American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA)
Dept of Art and Art History
Email: salchow@msu.edu
http://www.aiga.org

AMPLIFX
Professional Writing

Art History Association (AHA)
Department of Art and Art History
Email: freyjona@msu.edu
https://www.msu.edu/~msuaha/

Black Poets Society
E-mail: bpsociety@hotmail.com

Black Theatre Project
E-mail: btp@msu.edu

CAL CORPS
Email: calug@msu.edu

Ceramics Club
Department of Art and Art History
http://www.clayclub.org

Chinese Club
Adviser: Chunhong Teng
E-mail: tengc@msu.edu

Cinema Club
Film Studies Program
http://www.cinemaclub.org

Classics Club
Adviser: John Rauk (rauk@msu.edu)

Clay Club
E-mail: kotualp@msu.edu

Design Center (by invitation only)
http://www.art.msu.edu/designcenter/

FilmMakers Club
Adviser: Bill Vincent
E-mail: vincentw@msu.edu

Phi Alpha Theta
Theatre Department
Email: Sherrie Barr barrsh@msu.edu
http://www.msu.edu/~dancemsu

MSU NCTE Student Affiliate
WRAC & English
Adviser: Marilyn Wilson
E-mail: ncte@msu.edu
https://www.msu.edu/~ncte/

Orchesis Student Dance Group
Theatre Department
E-mail: Sherrie Barr barrsh@msu.edu
http://www.msu.edu/~dancemsu

Philosophy Club
E-mail: lotz@msu.edu or
Lila Wakeman: wakemanl@msu.edu
Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8pm, 134 South Kedzie Hall

Polish Club
Adviser: David Prestel
E-mail: prestel@msu.edu or
msupolish@gmail.com

Red Cedar Review
Department of English
Adviser: Marcia Aldrich
E-mail: rcreview@msu.edu
http://msupress.msu.edu/rcrorg/

Religious Studies Discussion Group
Religious Studies
Adviser: Arthur Versluis
Email: gellerta@msu.edu
http://www.religiousstudies.msu.edu

Role Playing Association
Adviser: Tess Tavormina
http://www.apocalypse.darkrelics.net
Email: memorysdaughter@gmail.com

Society for Performance & Arts Management
http://theatre.msu.edu/mailman/listinfo/msu-thr-spa

Spanish Club
Email: spanishclub.msu.edu@gmail.com

Spartan Web Authoring
Professional Writing
Faculty Adviser: Danielle DeVoss
Email: msuswat@gmail.com

Student Apparel Design Association
Apparel and Textile Design (AAH)
Sada.msu@gmail.com

Ukrainian Club
Adviser: Peter Maziak
E-mail: maziak@msu.edu

Undergraduate English Organization
Department of English
Adviser: Lloyd Pratt

Writers Bloc
https://www.msu.edu/~wbloc/

Your Mom Improv

Why should I join a student organization*?

co·cur·ric·u·lar [koh-kuh-rik-yuh-ler] –adjective (Education)
related in a complementary fashion to the official classroom
curriculum, as a civic or service activity related to an area of study;
a club or team that extends classroom and textbook studies.

*and because it's fun!