

Project Challenge Newsletter

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At-A-Glance:

- Monday, October 20: 2nd Block begins.
- Thursday, October 23: PC students to Homecoming musical "Something's Afoot"
- Saturday, October 25: Homecoming
- Wednesday, October 29: last day to withdraw from a class.
- Friday, October 31: Halloween Party sponsored by XAE.
- Sunday, November 2: FALL BACK!! Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night!
- Tuesday, November 4: Election Day—VOTE!!
- Tuesday, November 11: Veterans' Day—NO CLASSES!
- Wednesday, November 26: Thanksgiving break begins.

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From the Director's Desk

Dear Participants,

I hope you had a nice fall break. Where did the time go? I can't believe mid-term grades are here. Please make sure you review your grades, talk to your Professors if you have questions, change strategies if you aren't happy with your progress, or celebrate if you have done well. If you need to speak with one of us, please don't hesitate to make an appointment as soon as possible.

Do you have an appointment to pre-enroll for the spring semester? The earlier you get that appointment the better it will be for you because you will have a larger selection of classes to choose from. Review the classes on Buzz-In and make yourself a tentative schedule before going to see your advisor. If you don't have a curriculum guide for your major you can get that from your advisor. It is your responsibility to be in control of your advisement and not depend so much on your advisor.

Remember to continue what you are doing if your mid-term grades are excellent and if not, come in and let's discuss your situation.

Warmly,

Trudi Benjamin

Director



Reasons to Celebrate!

Want to attend the ESU Homecoming Musical for FREE?? This year's musical, "Something's Afoot," is a murder mystery. Project Challenge has a limited number of tickets available for students. If you are interested in reserving one of these tickets, please contact the office soon. The tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring 2009 Courses offered by PC

Project Challenge will be offering CE320PE: Principles of Leadership Skills in the spring semester. This course, taught by Kristi Bolen, is offered T/R from 1:00-1:50. Topics include developing a personal leadership philosophy, leading with goals, making decisions, and ethics. If you're interested in enrolling, please contact Trudi or Kristi.

Students currently enrolled in CE320PE: Foundations for Success—don't forget to enroll in CE320PH: Foundations for Success II in the spring semester!

Happy-Grams!

Personal letters of congratulations have been sent to the following students so far this semester for outstanding personal or academic accomplishments:

Brittany Albright

Margaret Alvarez

Tiffany Baum

Becky Boldridge

Jacob Brotbeck

Rita Butler

Caysey Caywood

Alice Christian

Krissy Cortez

Abigale Elyacharshuster

Ilda Flores

Erica Frederick

Ashlee Gerety

Claudia Gomez-Beltran

Angelica Granado

Tarrie Grubb

Sam Hall

Nathan Hammond

Yasmin Henderson

Alicia Humphreys

Geneva Lawrence

May Lee

Rebecca Libertus

Hailie Merrill

Lorenzo Marquez

AJ Pence

Anna Perez

Johnathan Pringle

Jamie Risley

Chelsea Rogers

Stephanie Salazar

Lauren Sanders

Brome Schraad

Cami Shaw

Nicole Staggs

Chris Sweet

Mamona Wajid

Outstanding Participant

Sophomore Dustin DuBree was selected as the Outstanding Participant this month. Dustin is majoring in secondary education and hopes to one day be a high school teacher. He graduated from Emporia High School. You might see him from time to time in the Union, where he works in the ID Center. Dustin was nominated by his tutor, Katie, who said "he is doing very well in class." Dustin is a dedicated student who has always worked hard to maintain a high GPA.



December Graduates

Project Challenge participants graduating in December of 2008 are Jarod Berkstresser, Laura Gunderson, Dustin H., Annie Jadric, Danica K., Janet Laird, Mandy Maxfield, Yuliana Reyes, Mary Sigle, and Tyrone Townsend. Graduates were treated to the traditional Senior Dinner on Wednesday, October 15. We wish you the best in your future endeavors!

Chi Alpha Corner

Chi Alpha Epsilon inducted ten new members into the society on Monday, October 6. In addition, several members were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the spring semester. The group has been quite busy this fall with community service, fundraising, and planning a Halloween party for all Project Challenge participants that will also include a joint service event with ESU's PRIDE organization. See the insert in this newsletter for more information about the event!



Students inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon this fall were (l-r): Claudia Gomez-Beltran, Ilda Flores, Whitney DeVader, Jill Creager, Lasonya McElroy, Amber Smith, Hayley Finch, Derrek Zietz, Mandy Maxfield, and Yasmin Henderson.

Students Attend Leadership Conference

Eleven Project Challenge participants attended the 5th Annual MO-KAN-NE Adult Student Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO, from October 10-12. The conference theme was “Challenges for Today, Strategies for Tomorrow.”

Since the conference happened to occur during fall break and no one would be in class,

the group left early on Friday morning and took in a theatre performance before attending the conference. The play was “And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank.” In addition to the play, the performance also included video interviews with two childhood friends of Anne’s and their personal experiences

as Jewish citizens during the Holocaust and their memories of Anne.

During the conference, students listened to a speaker from Rock the Vote and attended sessions ranging from “What’s Your Marshmallow?” to “Using Choice Theory to Empower Yourself.” Cari Lee thought one of the sessions, about how to select a major, was very helpful. She said, “I was so excited I called my mom and told her everything!”

At the conference banquet, students were treated to moving musical and dance performances by Native Americans of several nations. Yasmin Henderson commented that this was her favorite part, saying “the banquet was a life changing experience. I will remember the Native Social dance for the rest of my life.”



Students who attended the leadership conference were (l-r): Jessica Penn, Tina Herrera, Brittany Albright, Claudia Gomez-Beltran, Lasonya McElroy, Hayley Finch, Cari Lee, Yasmin Henderson, Dustin DuBree, Jacob Brotbeck, and Yadira Gonzalez.

Election Day

In case you’re the one person left in America who hasn’t heard, our country will be picking a new president this fall. **Tuesday, November 4, 2008, is Election Day.** We encourage all students to exercise their right to vote. If you are registered to vote in your home town and will not be there to vote, you can still cast a ballot. Contact your County Clerk to request an absentee ballot (one that you fill out and return via mail) ASAP (deadlines for doing this are set prior to Election Day). October 31st is the deadline for requesting an advanced ballot. Students living on campus and registered to vote in Lyon county will vote at the First Presbyterian Church, across the street from

Beach Music Hall. If you live off campus, please check the Emporia Gazette for a precinct map or access <http://www.lyoncounty.org/Clerk.htm> for information. This website also contains voter registration information and a downloadable registration form (for ALL Kansas residents—not just Lyon County voters!) for those not yet registered to vote. **October 20 is the deadline to register to vote!** You can also pick up a voter registration form in the Office of Disability Services in 211 South Morse Hall.

