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From The Desk of The Coordinator



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As the leaves begin to fall and students start to register for classes, I begin to look ahead to the upcoming semester. I know this sounds odd, because we still have five more weeks in this semester and I am looking ahead, but the New Year will be here before we know it and the new semester will follow shortly there after. Just as I am looking forward to the next semester, so should MAP participants.

Starting the first week in November MAP will begin to enroll students for the Spring 2012 semester.

If a student wishes to enroll in MAP services for the Spring 2012 semester students should call the MAP Tutoring Center at 304 293-7752 and setup an appointment to meet with Mike Fennell, MAP Graduate Assistant for Student Tutor Contact.

Mike will guide students through the re-enrollment process.

Students should meet with Mike once they have completed their course registration for the Spring 2012 semester.

Students can adjust the

courses they need tutoring for prior to the start of the semester if they add/drop courses or if after grades are posted they need to retake a course.

Planning ahead now can save students time next semester.

MAP offers tutoring packages of 15hrs, 25hrs or 30hrs as well as Coaching services.

Coaching services provide students one hour a week of direct contact with an academic coach and two hours a week of one-on-one academic tutoring.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

MAP's Social Network

Over the past few years the MAP has worked to develop a social network between our students, tutors and staff.

MAP does this by offering social and educational events in the MAP Tutoring Center and other campus locations.

In addition to these in

person opportunities MAP offers students social network opportunities through our program Facebook and Twitter pages.

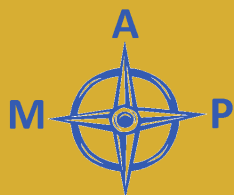
Our Facebook and Twitter pages provide up-to-date program information including times and locations of events.

Our Facebook page also

offers a place where students can post questions or comments related to their services or program events.

This site is also used to post pictures of various program activities.

MAP encourages you to "Like" our Facebook Page and "Follow" MAP on Twitter.



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What is Peer Academic Tutoring



Peer Tutoring within the Mountaineer Academic Program is provided by trained WVU students who are called Learning Partners and who have completed at least 28 hours of coursework and have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Last semester the average GPA of our Learning Partners was a 3.56 and Learning Partners provided over 1080 hours of one-on-one tutoring with program participants.

This semester MAP employs over 45 Learning Partners who combined, have completed over 260 hours of training and over 800 hours of tutoring.

Peer tutoring provides students one-on-one interactive content tutoring that fits the student's personal learning style and disability. Through ongoing contact with the same person student's needs and situations are truly understood.

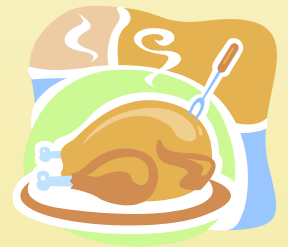
Accountability develops between the tutor and their student increasing the student's desire to complete their course work and to prepare for their course exams. This accountability is built through regular appointments that span the entire semester and occur at least once a week.

Peer tutors provide feedback to the program coordinator and academic coaches (if in enrolled in coaching services) and other tutors working with the same student to increase consistency in services.

Through these processes students are given the greatest level of support possible. The Mountaineer Academic Program is proud of our peer tutoring services and will continue to assist our Learning Partners in gaining the skills and materials they need to meet the needs of the students they serve.

Thanksgiving Celebration

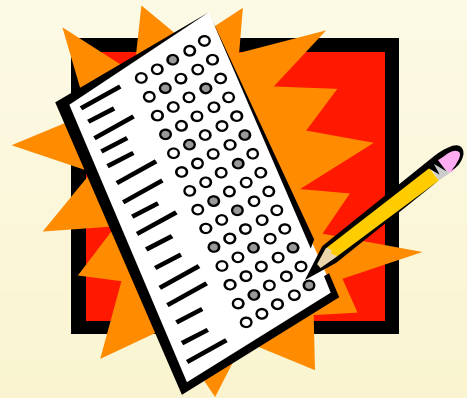
MAP is still accepting RSVP's for the November the 17th MAP Thanksgiving Thursday Night Dinner. During this home cooked dinner several students enrolled in the program who achieved outstanding academic excellence last semester will be recognized. The event will also be a time for students and staff to come together and talk about their semester.



The event is open to all MAP students. Students interested in attending must RSVP for this event by completing the attached RSVP form on the back of the news letter or by completing an electronic RSVP found at: <http://simpleforms.scripts.wvu.edu/socjust/MAPRSVP/>

Tips for Preparing for Exams

- Find out what will be covered on the exam by reviewing the syllabus and talking with your professor.
- Attend class! Being in class is the best way to hear announcements about exams and to know what the professor will emphasize on the exam.
- Set up a special study session before big exams, midterms, and finals.
- Catch up on assignments, fill in any missed notes, and review old tests before the next one.
- Make study aids to help you review (lists of main ideas, definition sheets or formula sheets, time lines, flash cards). Again, use all of your senses if possible, and use your best learning “mode” (hearing, seeing, touching).
- Re-read the material you highlighted, read it aloud, and visualize it.
- Read the recently covered material.
- Participate in study groups offered through your class or the Learning Center, or form your own with 2 to 3 people.
- Take a practice test, if available, or make one up. Use the end of the chapter questions to test yourself and look up the questions you miss.
- Get a good night’s sleep the night before the exam.
- Stay away from other students who you know are anxious before the exam.
- Relax and be early. Review as you wait for the test to start just to get your mind on the subject (This is not last minute cramming though!).



Did You Know....

West Virginia University offers over 190 undergraduate majors...

To learn about the different majors offered at WVU visit:

<http://majors.wvu.edu/>

Football Friday Tailgate

November 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 in the MAP Tutoring Center

Money Management Monday

November 7th from 5:00 – 6:00 in 121 Armstrong Hall

*** Thanksgiving Thursday Night Dinner**

November 17th from 5:30 – 7:30 in the Mountaineer Room of the Mountainlair

*** Bowl Down The Bulls Bowling Party**

December 1st from 6:00 – 7:00 in the Mountainlair Bowling Lanes

BYOB – Bring Your Own Books Study Event

December 5th and 6th from 5:00 – 9:00 in the Greenbrier Room of the Mountainlair

Final Exam Cram

December 11th from 3:00 – 8:00 in the Mountaineer Room of the Mountainlair

** Events Requiring an RSVP*



MAP EVENT RSVP

I Will Attend (Check All That Apply) :

Name: _____

_____ **Thanksgiving Thursday Night Dinner (Thursday November 17th at 5:30pm)**

_____ **Bowl Down The Bulls Bowling Party (Thursday December 1st at 6:00pm)**

Do you have any dietary restrictions or allergies?

** Please return to the MAP Tutoring Center. You can also RSVP online at: <http://simpleforms.scripts.wvu.edu/socjust/MAPRSVP/>*