The New Hawk Card - Coming This Fall!

Administrative Services and Information Technology are very pleased to introduce some notable improvements to the SJU Hawk Card, the official identification card for students, faculty, staff and affiliates. The Hawk Card will be completely redesigned for the coming academic year, and will be used to manage meal plans, access campus buildings and rooms, check out library materials, manage print and copy services and for PNC banking services. An exciting feature of the card program will be the introduction of Hawk Cash, a prepaid spending account offering students, faculty and staff a safe, convenient and flexible way to make cashless purchases on and off campus. Hawk Cash will be accepted on campus at the bookstore, dining venues, Cosi, Starbucks, the P.O.D. Market, Mandeville and Bellarmine Expresses and other locations. And, for the first time, Hawk Cash will be accepted at off campus locations like Larry’s Steaks, CVS Pharmacy and Hess Express with more merchants to be added.

Hawk Cash deposits can be made conveniently and securely using the University’s Cardholder Account Center which is available 24/7. Students and parents, faculty and staff can use the web-based card center to add value to their Hawk Cash account, manage account information or view transaction history. There are no fees associated with using or adding value to Hawk Cash and spending cannot exceed the prepaid balance in the account.

For more information about the Hawk Card and related services, please visit www.sjuhawkcard.com.

Hello Night Hawks! I hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer! I know I am, especially my summer reading. I have been able to get into some great book trilogies such as the Hunger Games, something a bit more reflective: How to Live: Or a Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer by Bakewell, and look forward to picking up Zeitoun by David Eggers. Zeitoun has been selected as the campus wide read for the 2012 academic year. Expect lots of discussion surrounding this New York Times Best Seller throughout the academic year. If not one of these, I encourage everyone to pick up a book – just for the joy of it, I don’t believe it will disappoint.

But I am definitely excited and looking forward to beginning a new year soon at Hawk Hill, beginning with Orientation for our newest Night Hawks on Saturday, August 25.

I would also like to thank and congratulate CPLS Staff member, Deanna Daly Flanagan who will be leaving our team but, fortunately for SJU, has accepted a position in Enrollment Management at Saint Joseph’s. Deanna served the admissions and communications team in the College, her passion and knowledge of SJU and specifically the College of Professional and Liberal Studies will be missed. Please join me in congratulating Deanna and wishing her great success in this new position.

Have a great rest of your summer and get ready for an incredible year!

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Wait Listing is Here!

The Registrar’s Office has now made wait listing available to academic departments starting with Fall 2012 classes. What is wait listing? Wait listing is a process where a student can “wait in line” electronically through MySJU web registration for classes that have met their set maximum enrollment (closed). Wait listing starts as soon as the class is full. To be on a waitlist, the student must satisfy all other registration requirements, e.g., prerequisites, major restrictions, campus restrictions, etc.

Your position on a class waitlist is on a first-come, first-served basis. Being on a waitlist does NOT guarantee registration in the class. Students trying to register for a closed class will be given the option to be on the wait list. The student will be told what number they will be on the wait list if they decide to accept a spot on the list. Students are allowed to be on more than one wait list for different sections of the same course. Students may also register for one section of a course while also being on the wait list for another section. However, students cannot be registered for more than one section of the same course.

Registration from a waitlist is not automatic. However, the wait list process is fully automated which means students will be automatically notified of an available seat in a class via email (SJU email account). Students will have 24 hours to either accept or decline the seat. Therefore, students are advised to check their SJU email accounts daily for wait list email notifications.

Lastly, be considerate and remove yourself from a waitlist if you no longer want the class.

Am I Ready to Graduate?

The online graduation application is now open in MySJU for students to apply for graduation for the following terms: Fall 2012, Spring 2013 and Summer 2013. Students wishing to graduate with a bachelor’s degree or associate degree are required to complete and submit an online Intent to Graduate application. There is no graduation application fee.

Please do not submit an application if you cannot reasonably expect to satisfy any outstanding degree requirements by the end of the term in which you apply. Students are strongly encouraged to schedule an advising appointment with a College of Professional and Liberal Studies academic advisor prior to submission of the graduation application to ensure that all requirements can reasonably be completed by the last day of the application term. Call the office at 610-660-1267 to schedule a phone or in-person advising appointment.

Here are instructions on how to apply:

Log on to MySJU.
Click on the School Services tab.
Click on the Student and Financial Aid folder in the center channel called Administrative Services.
Click Student Records and Payments folder in the subsequent menu.
Click Apply to Graduate and follow the instructions.
You can return to the same menu and click the View Application to Graduate link to review what you have submitted.

Application Deadlines:
Fall 2012 – Friday, August 17, 2012
Spring 2013 – Friday, January 25, 2013
Summer 2013 – Friday, May 3, 2013 (for those students not intending to participate in the May 2013 Commencement Ceremony)

NOTE: Summer applicants may participate in the ceremony if you will have one no more than two requirements that will be completed by the end of summer session 2.
Success Tips for the Adult Student
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4 Success Tips for the Adult Student

Being an adult student is a unique experience at Saint Joseph’s University. It carries with it the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of people, challenge yourself academically, and to learn more about who you are as a learner. It is a commitment of your time, energy, and personal resources in an effort to explore your full potential.

Maintain Your Focus

Write down your top education and career goals and keep them close to you. Refer to them when you need extra motivation and a reminder as to why this experience is important to you. Surround yourself with others that will encourage you to pursue your goals.

Value Your Time

Serving multiple roles in life such as a student, a parent, a caregiver, an employee or an employer, can put a strain on your time. Ensure that you allow yourself enough time to complete the tasks that are important to supporting your education. This includes allowing yourself extra time to study for classes, time in your schedule to network with peers, time to meet with your academic advisor, and time to take advantage of workshops and events on campus.

Be Patient

Each of us has our core strengths and unique challenges. Be patient in your learning experience by recognizing that some tasks will require more of our attention and commitment to succeed. Giving yourself permission to learn, however long that process may be for you, is vital to your success as an adult student.

Build Your Support System

Building a support system is essential to your success. There are people who can serve as your cheerleaders when you need encouragement, your guides when you need advising, your coaches when you need to refocus on your educational experience, and your mentors when you need to identify ways to continue to grow professionally. Make the most of your time at SJU by identifying individuals that can assist you in building or enhancing your support system.
GREAT NEWS!

We are now offering a wide range of highly interactive courses that you can take entirely through the Internet. All of our courses are led by expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. We are offering no-credit courses in Business, College Readiness, Computer Applications, Design and Composition, Law and Legal, Personal Development, Teaching and Education, Technology, Writing and Publishing. For a full list visit http://www.ed2go.com/sjuprofessional/