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**Fall 2014 Pre-Registration Time Has Come**

Registration for Summer and Fall 2014 will begin shortly. In advance of this, we are excited to announce the launch of DegreeWorks, an online degree audit system that will help your students to prepare for registration and track progress toward graduation.

Prior to pre-registration, first-year students should make appointments with their advisors to view midterm grades and make appointments to discuss fall classes.

**Summer Registration**

Students may take no more than 2 courses per summer, and these courses may not be used to advance a student’s degree. A student interested in taking summer classes must meet with his/her faculty advisor discuss summer course options and obtain a PIN for online registration. Beginning March 24 students may log onto The Nest to register.

If a student would like to take a course at another university during the summer, s/he will need Advisor and Associate Dean approval. “Permission to take a Course Elsewhere” forms are available online and in the Advising Centers for each college.

**Fall Registration**

Prior to fall registration, students are advised to check their student account and registration status to ensure that there are no holds that will prevent them from registering for fall classes. They also should confirm their registration day and time. To do this, students can log onto The Nest and click on the Classes and Registration tab at the top of the page.

All Undergraduate Day Students must see their faculty advisor to review fall course selection and to obtain a PIN for fall registration. Exceptions to this include HSB Juniors and Seniors (not including all Management Majors). Please note PINs are unique for both Summer and Fall class registrations.

Prior to meeting with their faculty advisor, students are encouraged to review their degree audit in DegreeWorks to confirm requirements remaining and to develop a preliminary plan for fall registration. If a student has questions about DegreeWorks or has general questions about registration, s/he may contact the Advising Center for his/her college.
Closing Tips for Residence Hall Move-Out

It is difficult to believe that the academic year is nearly over! As the year comes to a close, we want to help students prepare to successfully move out of their residence halls, and we welcome families who return to campus to help their students. Here are a few tips to help prepare for the end of the semester move-out process.

- The residence halls will close at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 13th; however, all students are expected to move out within 24-hours of their last final exam. Be sure to ask your student about his or her exam schedule so that appropriate travel arrangements can be made in advance. Extensions may be granted for academic and University-related activities.

- Encourage your student to begin packing less essential items and, if possible, taking them home on weekends in April. It will mean less to pack and move when they do check-out.

- The Office of Residence Life sponsors a food drive, a clothing drive, and a textbook drive during the closing process. Look for the designated donation boxes in the lobbies of the residence halls for anything that won’t fit in the car or that you don’t want to take home.

- Parents are welcome (and appreciated) during the move-out process; however, all non-students (parents included) must be escorted through the buildings by a resident student. Make sure that your student is available to help move his or her belongings when you arrive.

- Students should schedule a check-out time with a Resident Assistant. This will provide an opportunity for our staff to do a brief walk-through of the space with the student to make sure that nothing has been left behind and to go over the Room Condition Report.

- A limited number of laundry carts will be available to check out from the area offices of most buildings to assist with the move-out process. These carts will be in high demand during the move out period, so we suggest you also bring a dolly or hand truck to assist you. (Campus Houses, Pennbrook and Ashwood will not have access to laundry carts due to the difficulty of getting them in and out of the buildings without causing damage to the cart or to the building.)

- University parking lots will remain open for University business and students during the move-out period. We ask that you park in a designated space to ensure that traffic may still flow normally through the parking lot. Public Safety will be present to assist with traffic, but your patience during this busy time is appreciated.

Additional information regarding important dates and closing details will be available on our website – [www.sju.edu/reslife](http://www.sju.edu/reslife).
Now that the spring semester is well underway, students are likely already thinking about housing options for next year. For those upperclassmen who are eligible to live off campus, the decisions become harder and the options more complex. Off Campus & Commuter Student Life is available to help students and families understand the options that exist, so students can find housing suitable to their individual needs.

In addition to options on campus, there are many options in the surrounding area. Some students choose to live in apartment buildings/complexes, while others live in houses rented to students. There are pros and cons to every decision. We encourage you to work with your student on the right choice for you! For instance, private houses present risks when not investigated properly. Some properties may not be ‘up to code’ and/or may have landlords who are not interested or available to address concerns in a timely manner.

You and your student should also be aware of the Philadelphia Educational Housing District Law, which includes a provision that only three unrelated people can live in a private home regardless of the number of bedrooms.

We ask all families to:
- Encourage your student to meet with Off Campus & Commuter Student Life to review options, before making a decision
- Visit interested rental properties with your student
- Check out the Off Campus Housing website for information on city rules, and regulations, and an interactive map with listed apartment properties

Students can make an appointment or stop by the office for more information (Campion Student Center 239, via phone at 610 660-1003, or email at dDavis@sju.edu).

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