Disability Resources for Students
August 2018 Announcements

IMPORTANT!!
The University of Memphis Disability Resources for Students Office has implemented a new system for the management of academic accommodations. Students new to DRS can start the application process, submit documentation, and more through the Accommodations Information Management System (AIM) by visiting https://yukon.accessiblelearning.com/Memphis

Need high-quality, affordable childcare while in class? The University of Memphis Child Development Center enrolls children 30 months to 12 years old, and they still have space for the Fall 2018 Semester. Call 901-678-5059 for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Fall Session classes start: August 27
Labor Day (UofM closed): September 3
Advising for Spring 2019 starts: around October 1
Fall Break (no classes, but UofM open regular hours): October 13 – 16
Last Day to Drop: October 19 (for Fall, check Registrar’s Calendar for other sessions)
Election Day: November 6 – GET OUT THE VOTE!!! (Check with your home election commission for absentee ballot due dates and dates/locations for early voting)
Registration starts for Spring 2019 classes: November 12
Thanksgiving Holidays: November 21 -- 25 (UofM closed November 22 - 25)
Last Day of Classes: December 5
Study Day: December 6 (no classes or UofM-sanctioned student events)
Fall 2018 Final Exams: December 7 -- 13
Aquaman premiere: December 21
Winter Break: December 24, 2018 -- January 1, 2019 (UofM reopens January 2)
Official UofM Academic Calendar:
http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php
Fall 2018 Registrar's Calendar:
http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/18f-dates.php
Fall 2018 Bursar's Undergraduate/Graduate Calendar:
http://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_fall18.php
Fall 2018 Bursar's Law School Calendar:
http://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_law_fall18.php
DRS RESOURCES:

DRS Staff are available to schedule your Fall 2018 Semester Plans. When you get a chance, give us a call at 901-678-2880 and schedule your 30-minute Semester Plan.

For students considering graduate or professional schools, talk to your Coordinator about accommodations on entrance exams. Requests are processed by entities like Educational Testing Services and can take 6-8 weeks to process. If you need assistance with that process, please schedule a meeting with your DRS Coordinator and bring all necessary forms and/or information to send a letter.

Searching for your first, paid employment experience? DRS may be able to assist. First HIRES (Helping Individuals Recognize Employment Skills) is a jobs program for students with disabilities who have never had a paying job. Developed in collaboration with Residence Life, the First HIRES program not only provides students with disabilities with strong transferable skills and enhances their resumes, it also helps them get better connected to the UofM. Students in the First HIRES Program work as desk assistants in on-campus residence halls. If you are interested in participating in First HIRES beginning in the Spring, contact Amanda Rodino at arodino@memphis.edu

Verties Sails is moving right along with the Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society for students with disabilities. He sent out an email recently with information needed about founding members and naming officers. If you are still interested in joining this organization, please contact Verties at vsails@memphis.edu Students who do not qualify for entry into Delta Alpha Pi may want to discuss with Verties the creation of a Registered Student Organization at the UofM. We welcome suggestions on how to help you get more involved on campus and in the community.

Students interested in volunteering to help at the Student Health Fair held October 10 should contact Steve Shaver via email slshaver@memphis.edu or phone: 678-2880. The event is from 10am to 2pm, but staff will need help throughout the day from 7:30am until 2:30pm with set up and tear down, as well as other tasks during the day.
**GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION:**

**Weeks of Welcome**, from August 20 until September 1, will offer students chances to get involved, engaged, and to #BringYourSoul to the University of Memphis! Weeks of Welcome are two weeks of events, activities and information on how to make the most of your time at UofM. For more information follow this link for schedules: [http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/weeks-of-welcome.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/weeks-of-welcome.php)

**Educational Support Programs** has released their schedule for Fall 2018 tutoring and supplemental academic programming. Visit [http://www.memphis.edu/esp](http://www.memphis.edu/esp) for additional schedules and resources. **Online tutoring** is also available at: [https://memphis.upswing.io/](https://memphis.upswing.io/) Check with the Lambuth campus, School of Nursing, and Collierville Center for more information about tutoring at those locations.

**Academic Enhancement Center (AEC)**  
Tutoring for General Education courses, Spanish, History, Philosophy  
207 Mitchell 678-5226  |  [academicenhancementcenter@memphis.edu](mailto:academicenhancementcenter@memphis.edu)  
Mondays - Fridays | 9am – 5pm

**Business Learning Center (BLC)**  
Tutoring for Accounting, BIT, Finance, Business Statistics and other Business courses  
256 Fogelman College of Business & Economics 901-678-3912  
Mondays - Thursdays | 9am – 7pm

**Math Learning Center (MLC)**  
Tutoring for all Mathematics and Statistics courses any major  
341 Dunn 678-2704  
Mondays – Thursdays | 8am – 7pm  
Fridays | 8am – 2pm

**Science Learning Center (SLC)**  
Tutoring for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and other Science courses  
217 Mitchell 678-2704  
Mondays – Fridays | 8am – 4:30pm

**Centennial Place Learning Center (CPLC)**  
Tutoring for Science, Spanish, Math, Engineering, and other courses  
Saturdays, Mondays – Wednesdays | 7pm – 10pm

**Living Learning Complex Learning Center (LLCLC)**  
Tutoring for Chemistry, A&P, History, Political science, Philosophy, and other courses  
Saturdays, Mondays – Wednesdays | 8pm – 10pm
Is an online degree right for you? Check out **UMGlobal** and see if the programs offered would make sense for you as a student. Click on this link and take the **Smart Start** assessment today [http://www.memphis.edu/uofmglobal/admissions/smartstart.php](http://www.memphis.edu/uofmglobal/admissions/smartstart.php)

The **Office of Multicultural Affairs** will host their **Annual Multicultural Mixer**, Wednesday, August 29 from 6 to 8 pm in the Rose Theatre Lobby. This event will give you an opportunity to meet, join and interact with cultural or ethnic organizations on campus. These organizations will help you get involved and increase your knowledge of diverse groups and programming. The event is free, music and food included.

Students are invited to participate in events through **Veterans and Military Services**. Whether you are a returning veteran or family/loved one of a veteran, the UofM invites you to participate in programs supporting our military servicemen and servicewomen.

**Family Resource Affair** in the Alumni Mall, August 25, 10am to noon Learn information about Resources for Veterans and their Families

**Adult, Transfer, and Military Students Open House** (ACC/VMSS) UC Involvement Zone, August 27, 4pm to 7pm and August 28, 3pm to 6pm, there will be an open house of offices devoted to Adult, Transfer, and Military Students

**Student Veterans Welcome**, UC Ballroom, August 30, 11am to 1pm

**Tiger Lane Tailgate**, September 1, First Home Game (for more information, please email: veterans@memphis.edu)

**Veteran Recognition**, September 22, At the Home Football Game, UofM vs South Alabama (for more information, please email: veterans@memphis.edu)

**Student Veterans Week Workshops**, September 24 to 27, (for more information, please email: veterans@memphis.edu)

The University of Memphis is working with Aramark to address **food insecurities on our campus**. A Donation Drive for **Tigers Fight Hunger** and the **Tiger Pantry** will be held September 10-21 by visiting [http://www.Memphis.edu/TigersFightsHunger](http://www.Memphis.edu/TigersFightsHunger) Shelf goods, toiletries, and hygiene products are available in the Tiger Pantry through the Dean of Students Office, UC-359. A wish list of needed items is available at: [http://ww.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php](http://ww.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php)
Whether you are new to Memphis or grew up in the 901, Parent and Family Weekend is a wonderful time to connect while at college. Show off your new home, take your parents to all your favorite on-campus places and teach them to experience life as a Tiger! There will be local restaurant discounts, informative and fun scavenger hunts, and quality time for you and your family. Come out September 21-23 to make some great memories while connecting them to your new college adventure!

The University of Memphis, through the Office of Institutional Equity, requires all students to complete an online EVERFI Sexual Assault Prevention Course. The course will help you develop critical skills to make thoughtful and appropriate choices outside the classroom, become aware of key University policies and values, reflect on knowledge, attitudes, experiences, and support your peers as they navigate new situations, and contribute to building a campus environment that promotes healthy, respectful interpersonal relationships and prevents the occurrence of sexual misconduct and violence. You will receive access to the course on August 6 through your University email account. The course must be completed by August 27. For more information, contact the Office for Institutional Equity at 678-2713.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Odyssey is planning a large-scale day of service in October and, beyond looking for volunteers to participate, they are looking for solid community leaders to serve as Area and Site Coordinators. Service Challenge will be a day for 200 volunteers to go to over 10 volunteer sites around Memphis, spend 3 hours volunteering, and then come together for a celebration at the Memphis Botanic Garden. The day will last from 8am until around 3pm. They are looking for folks to fill several positions. If you are interested, contact Ariana Glantz, Director of Special Projects, Volunteer Experience Ambassador at ariana@volunteerodyssey.com or 901-466-6708.

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD), established December 1, 2015, is a federally-funded project under the U.S. Department of Education (P116D150005), through the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) https://ww2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html Visit the websites http://www.nccsd.org and http://www.nccsdclearinghouse.org for more information, community building, and educational resources.
The Disability Rights Storytellers Fellowship, managed by Rooted in Rights and American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn and apply skills in digital media storytelling, and to connect with media professionals to prepare participants for advanced careers in media production, journalism, online advocacy, or digital design. AAPD will also work to connect each Fellow to internships and employment opportunities to assist them in getting into the competitive field of digital media production. Work in the Storytellers Fellowship is not a full-time commitment and can be completed anywhere. Applications for the 2018-2019 Disability Rights Storytellers Fellowship are due September 4, 2018. For additional information, contact Zach Baldwin, the Director of Outreach at AAPD via phone: 202-521-4310 or email: zbaldwin@aapd.com You may also visit their website: https://www.aapd.com/disability-rights-storytellers/

Disabled & Proud 2018: Leading Change, a conference for students with disabilities, will be held October 11 - 13, 2018 for undergraduate, graduate, and auditing college students with disabilities. Students with any type of disability are welcome. Nondisabled college student allies and prospective college students with disabilities may join, but this is a conference for students and is not for K-12 teachers, professionals, faculty, service providers, or parents. The conference will feature daily online keynotes, small group discussions, presentations, and films. Registration is open!! Visit http://ww.disabledandproud.org/ for more information. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are also available. Visit the website or contact DREAM at DREAM@ahead.org

Disabled & Proud conference leaders are looking for student volunteers with interest and experience in disability mentoring, disability rights activism, and building disability community through social media. Volunteers may potentially present as part of a panel, moderate student discussions, help student conference participants interact through social media, or other conference activity. If you are interested, please email DREAM Coordinator, Kim Elmore at DREAM@ahead.org

The AbbVie Immunology Scholarship is designed to provide financial support to exceptional students living with inflammatory diseases as they pursue goals of higher education: With this scholarship, AbbVie hopes to further empower students to pursue an independent life defined by bold decisions and unyielding determination. Check their website for more information: https://abbvieimmunologyscholarship.com/
THE MORE YOU KNOW:

Alice Wong is a media maker, research consultant, and disability activist based in San Francisco, CA. Wong has spinal muscular atrophy, a neuromuscular disorder, and is the founder of the Disability Visibility Project (link below), a partnership with StoryCorps and an online community dedicated to creating and sharing disability media and culture.

Wong is a co-partner with Gregg Beratan and Andrew Pulrang of #CripTheVote, a nonpartisan online movement encouraging political participation of disabled people. Wong also serves as an advisory board member for APIDC (Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California). She is a Presidential appointee to the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency which advises the President, Congress, and other agencies on disability policies, programs, and practices.

In 2015, Wong attended a reception at the White House for the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act via telepresence robot. She was the first person to visit the White House and President by robot presence. You can find more information about Wong at https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/about/, on Twitter @SFdirewolf and Facebook https://www.disabledwriters.com/profiles/alice-wong

(Wong’s bio has been edited for content and is not original material from DRS.)

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Special thanks to all campus, community, and national resources who contributed information for inclusion this month. - jlm