IMPORTANT!! READ THIS FIRST:

We are still getting reports of a phishing scam emailed to our students that appears to come from our office. The email purports to be from someone named “Paul C. Daniels”. While he doesn’t identify being with the University of Memphis or Disability Resources for Students (our correct name), the inference is that he is with DRS or the UofM. **He is not.** If you receive it, **please forward the email to our IT investigators at abuse@memphis.edu** so they can properly identify the email’s origination IP address and catch these scammers. Be vigilant!! And look at the email address it is coming from. All official correspondence is handled through Memphis.edu accounts, so please be alert for your own security and safety. And if someone says in order to get a job, you have to send money, **it is likely a phishing scam email.** Beware!!

BACK TO OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING:

**Request for YOUR help**
Each Spring, DRS has been invited to attend Dr. Thomas Fagan’s PSYC 7802/8802: **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES & THEIR FAMILIES** class, taught Mondays from 2-5pm. Dr. Fagan invites students registered with DRS to come in and speak about their experiences as people with disabilities, and the use of academic accommodations in K-12 classes and in college. In the class, they will learn about your experiences with accommodations, IEPs and 504 plans, and the transition to college. We will be visiting his class on April 2 from 3:30pm to 5pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer by March 30 at jmurchis@memphis.edu

**DRS Resources**
We continue to offer academic strategies and writing support in addition to hosting our **Math Lab.** If you are registered with DRS, set aside some time to come in and meet Steve Shaver or Nelda Scruggs and check out the amazing academic resources they offer. Be sure to get on their schedules for academic help this semester. One meeting and you will wonder why you didn’t come in sooner!
Semester Plan Meetings and Academic Accommodations (including TESTS)
By the time you see this notice, you should have already completed your Semester Plan meeting with your Coordinator. If you have not yet had your Semester Plan meeting for Spring 2018, schedule one today! The purpose of the Semester Plan Meeting is to review your academic progress and determine appropriate disability-related accommodations for the classes you are taking this semester.

For those who do not need accommodations, there are additional opportunities and resources Coordinators cover with students, such as planning for career and/or graduate school, study techniques, involvement on campus, etc.

Midterms are underway!! Remember that Test Forms to take tests in DRS are still due two business days before each exam, and two weeks before Final Exams. Finals will be here before you know it, so be on the look-out for those deadlines!!

Advising For Summer and Fall 2018
If you have not yet met with your academic advisor regarding Summer and/or Fall 2018 registration, you should start setting those appointments soon. Priority Registration begins April 2. So long as you have met with your Academic Advisor and have no holds on your account, you should be good to register on that date. Keep in mind that your Advisor won’t know you are registered with DRS, so the date they give you for registering does not take that status into consideration. As a DRS student, with no holds on your account, you will be able to register for classes on April 2.

DRS Coordinators and staff are happy to look over your schedule and make recommendations as well as offer advice related to your schedule and academic accommodation needs.

Never held a job? Want one (or some experience)?! 
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 held 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 UoM. Students in the First HIRES Program work as desk assistants in our on-campus residence halls. If you are interested in participating in First HIRES, contact Amanda at arodino@memphis.edu She has already started gauging interest for Fall 2018 First HIRES placements, so get in touch with her soon!
Also -- congratulations to Amanda and Jennifer! They’ve been selected to present at our national AHEAD Conference this summer in Albuquerque, NM about the First HIRES Program and all the amazing work done by the First HIRES students. They will be giving a 90 minute presentation to other disability service providers from across the country who may be interested in creating something similar on their campuses.

Delta Alpha Pi
DRS is considering starting a chapter with the International Honor Society for Disabled Students, Delta Alpha Pi. DRS Staff have been working with Student Leadership and Involvement in the creation of this chapter at the UofM. If you are interested in taking an active role with this chapter, please contact Verties Sails at vsails@memphis.edu

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Last Day to Drop Spring 2018 Classes: March 16, 2018
- **Register for Summer and Fall 2018: April 2, 2018** (make sure you have no holds!)
- Final Exam Forms (to take exams in DRS) are due April 10-16, 2018
- Last Day of Spring 2018 Classes: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
- **Study Day for Spring 2018: Thursday, April 26, 2018 – no student activities!**
- Final Exams: Friday, April 27 – May 3, 2018
- Pre-Summer Session classes: May 7 - 24, 2018
- Pre-Summer Final Exams: May 25, 2018
- **Memorial Day (UofM closed): May 28, 2018**
- Full Summer Session classes: June 4 - August 9, 2018
- 1st Summer Session classes end: June 4 - July 2, 2018
- 1st Summer Session Final Exams: July 3, 2018
- **Independence Day (UofM closed): July 4, 2018**
- 2nd Summer Session classes start: July 9 - August 9, 2018
- Full and 2nd Summer Session Final Exams: August 10, 2018
- Fall Summer Session classes start: August 27, 2018

OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

**Tigers Fight Hunger:**

The University of Memphis is working with our on-campus dining contractor, Aramark, to address food insecurities on our campus. Faculty and staff studied the challenges the UofM community face with eating healthy, or simply having enough to eat. Students can now donate guest meals or funds to the cause. Application for the assistance can be made through the Dean of Students Office. If you are interested in participating, click on the following link:

During Summer 2017, the History’s department’s Clio’s Closet was relocated from Mitchell Hall to the University Center, housed in the Dean of Students Office, and renamed the **Tiger Pantry**. The food pantry is open to all students, as well as faculty and staff. Shelf goods, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products are available to the campus community. Follow them on Twitter for more information: @UofMTigerPantry

If you would like to donate items to the Tiger Pantry, needed items are listed on this link: [http://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php)

**Residence Life:**

**Fall 2018-Spring 2019 Applications Still Open**

The application for next school year is still open. Students who want to live on campus need to complete their application as soon as possible. The application can be found at this link: [http://www.memphis.edu/reslife/apply.php](http://www.memphis.edu/reslife/apply.php)

Residence Life will begin working on assignments for Fall 2018 in May. If you need to make adjustments to your application, you can log back into your application and make the adjustment before May 1. After May 1, you may email reslife@memphis.edu to request changes to your application.

**Counseling Center:**

The Counseling Center continues to see students for **walk-in appointments** Monday through Friday from 10am-3pm.

The Counseling Center will be facilitating a **substance use awareness group** for students. The group is an open and revolving group that will entail 4 sessions each rotation, and will meet weekly. The following meeting dates have been established: 03/13/2018 through 04/03/2018, and 04/10/2018 through 05/01/2018. Students can sign up at the Counseling Center or call (901) 678-2068.

**Student Leadership & Involvement:**

As you know, the University of Memphis is home to incredibly talented students, faculty and staff who are *Driven by Doing*. The UofM provides a number of opportunities to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of our community, and we invite you to nominate those who truly inspire you at the UofM via our Carson’s Circle, President’s Leadership Recognition Awards, and our Women’s History Month Recognition.
programs. More information about each can be found below including submission links and deadlines. Please distribute to students, faculty and staff in your networks.

**Carson’s Circle**
Carson's Circle is named for Dr. Donald K. Carson, former Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Memphis. The award recognizes a select number of outstanding graduating seniors who exemplify Dr. Carson's ideals of making the university a better place through their involvement and leadership in campus life. Nominees must be seniors at the University of Memphis who will be graduating in May, August or December of 2018. Nominees should have a minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA and demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Leadership and integrity
- Outstanding contributions to campus life
- Increasing level of leadership responsibility throughout their undergraduate years
- Commitment to academic excellence
- Productive / respectful relationships with faculty, staff and fellow students
- Pride in the University of Memphis
- Commitment to diversity / inclusion
- A tangible legacy they are leaving behind upon their graduation from the University of Memphis.

To be considered, students must be nominated via an online submission form. You should submit a nomination packet and a letter of recommendation (all found online at [http://www.memphis.edu/carsonscholars/circle/index.php](http://www.memphis.edu/carsonscholars/circle/index.php)) by **noon on March 16, 2018**. Please consider nominating a graduating senior today! Please email [sally.parish@memphis.edu](mailto:sally.parish@memphis.edu) with questions you may have about the nomination process.

**President’s Leadership Recognition Awards**
Each spring, Student Leadership & Involvement in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the President hosts the President's Leadership Recognition Awards. This reception honors the University of Memphis' finest and brightest student leaders and organizations for their leadership roles and service. We present awards in 25 different categories, including the new inclusion of the UofM “20 Under 30” which will recognize 20 of the University’s most influential student leaders. Nominations for all awards are now open including such award categories as Program of the Year, Organization of the Year, Distinguished Service, Most School Spirit, Outstanding First Year of Involvement, Student Leader of the Year, Advisor of the Year and more. More information can be found online at [http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/studentengagement/plra.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/studentengagement/plra.php). All nominations are due by **March 30, 11:59pm**. For questions, contact Jennifer Williams, Assistant Director for Student Engagement, at [jcwilli@memphis.edu](mailto:jcwilli@memphis.edu) or at 901.678.8679.
Women’s History Month Recognition

This year’s Women’s History Month theme is “Nevertheless She Persisted.” Each year, members of the UofM community are encouraged to nominate outstanding women in their lives for recognition at the months’ closing ceremony (March 29, 4pm). This year we are asking students, faculty and staff to nominate women who have demonstrated a strong will for accomplishing her goals and who serve as a testament to this year’s theme. Please follow this link https://memphis.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/162822 to nominate an outstanding woman. Please note- nominees do not have to be UofM students, faculty or staff. All nominations are due by March 22nd. Please email aetoone@memphis.edu with any questions.

Student Government Association Elections are underway soon! If you would like to nominate a student for an office, or are interested in running for an office yourself, click this link to learn more: http://www.memphis.edu/sga/forms

Professional Connections | Various Dates | 12:30 PM
Professional Connections dates for the spring are March 23, and April 6. For more information or to RSVP, visit this link: http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/proconnect.php
Please contact Brian Deal at btdeal@memphis.edu if you have any questions.

College to Career Conference
The College to Career Conference is a one day program focused on student transition to the workforce. Students will hear from community presenters who recruit and hire talent, local leaders who oversee workforce development and young professionals who have successfully transitioned from higher education. For more information, click this link: http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/pbc.php

Free registration comes with breakfast, an etiquette lunch and all the knowledge and contacts you can acquire. Get ahead and get connected at the College to Career Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Deal at btdeal@memphis.edu

RSO Workshops | Various Dates and Times | University Center
RSO workshops are open to any member of a Registered Student Organization. This allows RSO members to gain development and positive insight into what it means to be a leader. The dates for RSO workshops are March 19 and April 11. An email will be
sent to all RSO members in TigerZone announcing the topic and location 2 weeks prior to each workshop.

Students interested in starting an RSO should click this link: http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/studentengagement/start.php and learn more about the process.

RSOs seeking to propose a program or event should click this link for more information: http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/studentengagement/sea-proposals.php

**Lunch with a Leader**
Want to get involved but aren’t sure how? Interested in learning how to translate your student leadership experiences to your future career interests? Have an idea to make the UofM a better place? Schedule a Lunch with a Leader to discuss all of this and more with your UofM Dean of Students, Associate Dean of Students or SLI staff. To schedule a lunch (on us!), email dnorman@memphis.edu

**Women’s Leadership Programs**
The Spring 2018 Women in Leadership program is designed to educate, empower and support UofM women pursuing leadership roles and experiences. Participants may attend as many programs as they like, but registration is required for each. Follow this link to learn more about our events and register: http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/leadershipandservice/womens-leadership.php

**RESEARCH AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**
Temple University is doing a study to try to learn more about how they can support students with mental health issues to help them succeed in school. Students who enroll in the study may have a chance to work with someone who will help them to set goals related to their education, relationships, mental health and campus life, and receive encouragement and support to achieve their goals. All study communication will take place electronically (e.g. telephone, email, text message, Skype). To see if you are eligible to participate in our study, follow this link and complete the survey: https://cphtemple.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3x7cZyGAZBBVOCN

**Johns Hopkins Summer Employment Opportunity**
There is also an excellent summer employment opportunity at [Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth](https://www.jhsph.edu/centers/cty/). They are now hiring Resident Assistants, Senior Resident Assistants, and Deans of Residential Life. All positions include room & board on site. Salaries vary based on position and experience.
**Resident Assistants** are strong leaders who keep kids safe and bring the fun. They establish communities of respect and inclusion that enable CTY students to learn and thrive in a safe, fun environment.

**Senior Resident Assistants** are enthusiastic and structured individuals. They supervise the Resident Assistants and help set the tone for the residential program at Orientation, as well as oversee the activities program throughout the summer. Senior Resident Assistants are leaders among the residential staff and logistics wizards who coach the Resident Assistants while ensuring the smooth functioning of all aspects of CTY’s residential program.

**Deans of Residential Life** are dynamic, organized, and thoughtful. As the lead administrator overseeing the residential aspect of CTY, they work with other senior administrators to build fun lasting memories for CTY students. Our Deans of Residential Life can host carnivals and casinos, supervising over 200 students while balancing authority and playfulness. The Dean of Residential Life supervises Senior Resident Assistants and Resident Assistants.

They have summer sites at colleges and schools on the east and west coasts and in Hong Kong. Join their team for three to seven weeks. For more information and the 2018 application: [http://cty.jhu.edu/jobs/summer](http://cty.jhu.edu/jobs/summer)

*Many thanks to all of the Student Affairs staff who contributed to our Announcements this month – JLM*
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