Disability Resources for Students
September 2018 Announcements

A host of exciting news in DRS!

Disability Resources for Students is happy to introduce two new staff members!

Dannise Scott has joined DRS (effective September 24) as our new Testing and Notetaking Administrator. Dannise will be working out of our new testing space in Clement Hall, managing notetaking and testing accommodations. We are excited to work with Dannise and invite you to join us in welcoming her to DRS and her return to the UofM, where she previously worked in the McWherter Library.

Tara Buchannan will be joining DRS (effective October 1) as our new Director. Tara comes to us from Western Illinois University, where she has served for 12 years as their Director. We are excited about Tara joining and leading our team and invite you to join us in welcoming her to DRS, the UofM, and the city of Memphis.

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 (AIM) System by visiting https://yukon.accessiblelearning.com/Memphis You can use your UofM UID sign-on (like you do for UofM/MyMemphis portal, email, and more) to access this new system. No new passwords to remember!!

Scheduling a Test at DRS -- All exam scheduling requests are now made through this system. Although the scheduling system is new, our testing procedures are the same. Please remember that you must schedule your exams with us at least 2 business days before the exam date. For finals, you will need to schedule at least 2 weeks before the exam date. Late requests require approval from your Coordinator. Any requests with start days and/or times that are different than the class must be approved by your professor before we can schedule your exam. If you have any questions or would like a one-on-one demonstration, contact the office.

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

Fall Break (no classes, but UofM open regular hours): October 13 – 16
Last Day to Drop: October 19 (for full Fall; visit 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 premieres: 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 Calendars for Undergrads and Law Students:
http://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_fall18.php
http://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_law_fall18.php

DRS RESOURCES:

Students interested in volunteering to help at the Student Health Fair held October 10 should contact Steve Shaver by October 8 via email slshaver@memphis.edu or phone: 678-2880 The event is from 10a to 2p, but staff will need help throughout the day from 7:30a until 2:30p with set up and break down, as well as other tasks during the day.

Are you interested in improving your grades? Learning new time management strategies? Getting the most out of your specific accommodations? Then weekly academic coaching through DRS might be for you. Please contact our Academic Coach graduate assistant Marguerite Spiotta at mspiotta@memphis.edu or 901-678-2880 to learn more about the program and schedule appointments.

Students registered with DRS enjoy access to our Assistive Technology Lab in the Resource Room of the McWherther Library. Geared to aid our students in their learning experience, the AT Lab is equipped with 3 accessible tables with computers that can raise and lower for wheelchair users, computers with assistive technology software, a CCTV machine, and a separate work area. Our AT graduate assistant,
Hannah Fowler, will be in the AT Lab Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm, and Thursdays from 11:30am to 4:30pm. To get additional information about assistive technology, contact Hannah via email at: hfowler1@memphis.edu

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.

ALSO -- Check out the Graduate Information Fair September 27, 3:30-6:30 in the UC Ballroom. Learn about financial aid, scholarships, assistantships and more at this event. Find the program that’s right for you! Contact Mary Kyle in the Graduate School at marykyle@memphis.edu for more information.

The University of Memphis Marketing Department is interested in showcasing our diverse student populations, including those with disabilities. If you are interested in being photographed for promotional materials and marketing campaigns for the University or DRS, contact Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu She will get your information to the University’s Marketing Department. You could be in brochures, pamphlets, the UofM website, or called upon to participate in University productions.

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

It's Fall, which means DRS is again offering opportunities for our students to interview with the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP). The Workforce Recruitment Program is a coordinated effort of the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and the U.S. Department of Defense. This program enlists college students with disabilities for internship and employment opportunities within the federal and private sectors of the workforce. There are positions for current undergraduate and graduate students, including recent alumni. Departments you could be working with include: Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, NASA, the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Marshalls, and more. Students must complete their
WRP registration at [http://www.wrp.gov](http://www.wrp.gov) by Tuesday, October 16, all application materials are due Wednesday, October 17. **Interviews will be held the end of October through middle of November.** If you have any questions, **contact our Career Tracks graduate assistant Jennifer Yeoward in DRS** at jyeoward@memphis.edu or 678-2880

**Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society** is excited to announce our officers for 2018-19: **Charles Gilmore President; Danielle Barron, Vice-President; Vivian Nguyen, Secretary; Louvisia Conley, Treasurer.** The officers assumed their positions beginning with the Fall 2018 semester. They will be creating recruitment lists for participants and a Constitution for the organization. We anticipate a busy year for these leaders and are eager to support them in any way we can. Join DRS in congratulating the Board on their positions and wish them well in getting this organization going. If you are interested in joining Delta Alpha Pi, please contact Verties Sails III at vsails@memphis.edu Students who do not qualify for entry into Delta Alpha Pi may want to discuss with Mr. Sails the creation of a **Registered Student Organization** at the UofM. We welcome suggestions for campus and community involvement.

**GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION AND GOINGS-ON:**

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)

**Student Success Programs** is recruiting participants for 2018-19. Any student with a disability is considered a priority participant for services which include: academic monitoring, academic counseling, financial assistance (conditions apply), cultural enrichment opportunities, themed workshops, graduate school visitations and MORE! **All services are delivered at NO COST to students.** Space is limited so don’t hesitate to apply: [https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/ssp/application/login.asp](https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/ssp/application/login.asp)

**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
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

**No Stress Success Workshops** will be hosted in the McWherter Library throughout the Fall 2018 semester. Whether you’re learning about Communication & Digital Technology through the Center for Writing & Communication, Leadership & Civic Responsibility through Student Leadership & Involvement, Learning & Reasoning through the University Libraries, Professional & Strategic Planning through Career Services, or Self-Awareness & Personal Behavior through Student Health & Counseling Services, there are many opportunities to learn to be a better student and steward of self. For more information, visit the UofM Libraries Calendar: [http://libcal.memphis.edu/](http://libcal.memphis.edu/)

**Student Leadership and Involvement** invites adult students (25 years of age and older) for **Lunch and Learns** throughout the Fall 2018 semester. Meet other students and campus leaders for free lunch and fellowship. Contact Alison Brown in SLI for more information at [mbrown37@memphis.edu](mailto:mbrown37@memphis.edu)

**Know More, Do Better: Preventing Interpersonal Violence**, 9/27, 11:30am, UC 308

**How to Choose a Major to Fit Your Career**, 10/18, 11:30am, UC 243
Connect, Engage, Lead: Get Involved at UofM, 11/15, 11:30am, UC 243

**Student Leadership & Involvement** invites you to attend their **Leader to Leader Speaker Series**, starting 9/27/18 from 9a to 10:30a in the McWherter Library, 2nd Floor Commons. Victoria Jones, Executive Director of The CLTV will start off the series. RSVP now at [https://bit.ly/2NNPb1F](https://bit.ly/2NNPb1F)

Whether you are a returning veteran or family/loved one of a veteran, the UofM invites you to participate in programs supporting Student Veterans through Veterans and Military Student Services.

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

**Prior Learning Assessment Workshop**, 9/24, 11am-noon, at VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

**My Health eVet Workshop**, 9/25, 10-11am, at VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

**Veteran’s Day at the Relaxation Zone**, 9/25, time TBD, meet at VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

**Veterans’ Suicide Awareness and Prevention Workshop**, 9/26, 10-11am, UC 338

**Family Feud of the Branches**, 9/26, 5-8pm, Memphis Room (UC 340B)

**Disability Resources for Students (DRS) Day with the Veterans**, 9/27, 10:30-11am, VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

**Veteran’s Day at the Relaxation Zone**, 9/27, time TBD, meet at VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

**SVO T-Shirt Day and Closing Celebration of Student Veterans Week**, 9/28, 10am-noon, VMSS Student Center (Involvement Zone, 2nd floor of the UC)

For more information about **Tigers Fight Hunger** and the **Tiger Pantry** at [http://www.Memphis.edu/TigersFightsHunger](http://www.Memphis.edu/TigersFightsHunger) Shelf goods, toiletries, and other 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://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php)
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) http://www2.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 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/

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