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NSSLHA NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone, welcome back to the Fall semester and welcome to the first year students!

We have made the decision to postpone the food/hygiene drive until next semester. Due to COVID 19, we think it is a safer decision to hold off bringing outside items into the clinic. If you are able, please consider making a monetary donation to the Mid-South Food Bank. They are still in need of food to give to those in the community, so it would be an excellent opportunity to still be involved in helping out without having to bring in items.

We still hope to have a t-shirt fundraiser this semester, however we are in need of design submissions. Please send your ideas for a t-shirt design to Ashley Morgan ASAP.

We would also like to give Company d a shoutout. This is a nonprofit dance organization for adults with Down syndrome run by our very own Darlene Winters. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram @companyddancers for updates and information on their latest dance challenge. #dancedaredonate

This month is Newborn Screening Awareness Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Healthy Aging Month. As usual, please see the links below to learn more information about each topic and consider how it may impact your approach to care.

- Newborn Screening Awareness Month
(don't forget one our faves, newborn hearing screenings!)
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Health Aging Month

Legislative

The University of Memphis' brand new Diversity Task Force is meeting bi-weekly. Please be on the lookout for ways you can get involved, including a new NBASLH(National Black Association for Speech Language and Hearing) Chapter coming soon!!!

Headstart Screenings are tentatively scheduled to begin 9/14. With the current uncertainty provided by the pandemic, it is more important than ever to assure our underserved population does not fall through the cracks. Please consider volunteering time to screen children during our limited window.

Are you registered to Vote?

Tennessee Deadlines:

October 5th; Voter Registration Deadline

October 14th: Early Voting Begins

October 27th: Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

October 29th: Early Voting Ends

**COVID-19 is not an excuse for absentee ballot

**If you registered to vote by mail and this is your first election, you must appear in person

If you are registered in a different state, please check with your local election commission for absentee ballot request and submission dates.

"When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed & powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope & accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."

Maya Angelou



Remember that "Me Time" is Essential. Click the picture above for a list of things to do in Memphis provide by choose901.com

Stay safe and wear your mask!