Disability Resources for Students
March 2019 Announcements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

Students at our Lambuth campus will have some changes in the coming months as we bid a fond and loving adieu to Tammy McCoy. Ms McCoy will be retiring after many years of service to the University of Memphis-Lambuth, and the Lambuth University team. Tammy’s last day is March 15th and DRS will be working with her and Lambuth leadership on making the shift as smooth as possible for our students in Jackson. Students will follow the same processes as they have in the past regarding registering with DRS and requesting academic accommodations. A representative from DRS Main Campus will be available once a week to meet with students and address concerns as needed. For more information, please email Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu or DRSLambuth@memphis.edu

An email was sent requesting nominees for the Susan Te Paske “See Me” Award, which honors a University of Memphis faculty member, nominated by a DRS student, for showing an understanding of and willingness to learn about issues of disability. The student nominator must write an essay detailing the ways the faculty member has demonstrated his or her willingness to assist the student as a learner. Most importantly, the faculty member must have shown respect in seeing the student and his or her abilities, while also acknowledging issues of disability. This award is titled the Susan Te Paske “See Me” Award in honor of our former Disability Resources for Students director. During her decades of service to students with disabilities, Ms. Te Paske both empowered students as well as educated faculty members to view disability as an important element of diversity. Please consider nominating a faculty member with whom you have worked who possesses these qualities and supports your educational and professional goals. Nominations should be submitted to Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu no later than March 21. During the President’s Leadership Awards on Thursday, April 18 at 6pm in the University Center, the winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award will be presented, and the student who nominated the award winner will be invited to help present the award.

DRS will be hosting an informational session about on-campus employment on April 8th at 11am in UC Iris Room. Over the summer, we will host informational sessions about the Workforce Recruitment Program, which can provide federal and private-sector employment opportunities for people with disabilities. If you are interested in
participating in First HIRES beginning in the Fall, you may also contact Dominque Thomas, our Career Coach and Event Planning GA, at djthmas2@memphis.edu. Please monitor your Memphis.edu emails for additional announcements about these programs and other important communication from the University.

DRS also needs a few outgoing, Memphis-spirited, customer service-driven students to fill positions working at our Front Desk. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Rivera at tirivera@memphis.edu about the application process.

We are still going strong with the implementation of DRS Online. Keep sending us those DRS Online submissions or call 901-678-2880 to schedule your Semester Plan appointment. If you need help navigating DRS Online, let us know so we can help. Time lines for submission of test requests remain the same: requests must be made TWO BUSINESS DAYS ahead of the testing date, and TWO WEEKS before Final Exams. This means requests to take regular tests in DRS on Mondays are due the Thursday before. Additionally, you should be scheduling tests for the same time as the class is taking them. Final Exam requests in DRS should be submitted April 12-18, depending on the day of your Final Exam. If you have questions about these processes, please let us know so we can assist you.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Last Day to Drop Full Spring course(s): March 15
Summer/Fall 2019 Registration starts: April 1 (not an April Fools’ Day joke)
Final Exam requests: due into DRS April 12-18, depending on day of Exam
Last Day of Classes: April 24
Study Day: April 25 (classes no longer meeting)
Finals Exams: April 26-May 2
Final day to check out of Residence Halls: May 3

**Official UofM Academic Calendar:**
[http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php](http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php)

**Spring 2019 Registrar’s Calendar:**
[https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/19s-dates.php](https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/19s-dates.php)

**Spring 2019 Bursar’s Calendars for Undergrads and Law Students:**

**DRS RESOURCES:**
Are you interested in improving your grades? Learning new time management strategies? Then **weekly academic coaching** might be for you. Please contact our Learning Strategy Assistant **Morgan Bullard** at mbbllard@memphis.edu or 901-678-2880 to schedule weekly, recurring 15-30-minute appointments.

Students registered with DRS enjoy access to our **Assistive Technology Lab in the Resource Room of the McWherter Library**. Geared to aid our students, the AT Lab is equipped with accessible tables that can raise and lower for wheelchair users, computers with assistive technology software, a CCTV machine, and a separate work area. **Hannah Fowler**, our Accessible Technology Assistant, will host appointments and group trainings on assistive technology in our AT Lab. To get additional information about training, contact Hannah at: hfowler1@memphis.edu

**Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society** officers for 2018-19 are recruiting participants. If you are interested in joining **Delta Alpha Pi**, please contact Verties Sails III at vsails@memphis.edu We welcome suggestions for more student engagement.

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.

**GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION:**

**Tutoring@ESP Spring 2019** Schedule and hours are subject to change. Please contact the ESP Office at 901.678.2704 or esp@memphis.edu for updates. www.memphis.edu/esp

**Academic Enhancement Center (AEC)**
207 Mitchell | 901.678.5226
MTWRF 9 AM — 5:30 PM
Tutoring for General Education courses, Spanish, French, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Anthropology, Strategies for Learning, Test Preparation, and other courses

**Business Learning Center (BLC)**
256 Fogelman College of Business & Economics | 901.678.3912
MTWR 9 AM — 7 PM
Tutoring for Accounting, BIT, Finance, Business Statistics, and other Business courses

**Math Learning Center (MLC)**
341 Dunn | 901.678.2704
MTWR 8 AM — 7 PM| F 8 AM — 2 PM
Tutoring for all Mathematics and Statistics courses any major

**Science Learning Center (SLC)**
217 Mitchell | 901.678.2704
MTWRF 8 AM — 4:30 PM
Tutoring for A&P, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and other Science courses

**Centennial Place Learning Center (CPLC)**
186 Centennial Place | 901.678.2704
SunMTW 7 PM — 10 PM
Tutoring for Science, Spanish, Math, Engineering, and other courses

**Living Learning Complex Learning Center (LLCLC)**
103 Living Learning Complex | 901.678.2704
SunMTW 7 PM — 9 PM
Tutoring for Chemistry, A&P, History, Political Science, Philosophy, and other courses

**UofM Virtual Learning Center powered by Upswing**
24/7 FREE Online Tutoring
Tutoring for any subject or course: work with a tutor in the virtual whiteboard or submit an assignment for review

**Lambuth Learning Center (LLC)**
4A Wilder | 731.425.7398

**Student Success Programs continues to recruit participants.** 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 SSP students. Space is limited so don't hesitate: https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/ssp/application/login.asp

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) www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html Visit the websites www.nccsd.org and www.nccsdclearinghouse.org for more information, community building, and educational resources.

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