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Dates to Remember

January 21
MLK Day-No Classes

January 23
Transfer to Action Meeting

February 5
Set Sail Workshop

February 6
Transfer to Action Meeting

February 15
Career Fair

February 20
Transfer to Action Meeting

February 25-29
Spring Break-No Classes

March 20-24
Easter Break -No Classes

March 28
Last Day to withdraw

April 17
Priority Registration for ASC

April 30
College Honors Convocation

May 1
Recognition Day ASC

May 2
Last day of classes

May 5-7
Final Exams

May 10
Commencement

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From The Desk of Gretchen Walsh

My first message to you as you return to Notre Dame College for spring, 2008 is one of congratulations! Congratulations for your academic success in the past semester. The overall GPA of students in the Academic Support Center was 2.57 and over 70 percent had above a 2.4 cumulative average. **Forty percent of our students were above a 3.0 average, and two of our students had all A's.**

These accomplishments are especially impressive in light of the fact that this is the first semester at college for many of you. Congratulations to you for being able to balance the responsibilities of your courses with participating in campus activities and sports. **Job well done-we are proud of you!**

Let the ASC help you keep up this academic momentum. Set goals with your Transfer to Action group. Then, work on your study skills with an Instructional Advisor. Finally, take advantage of the adaptive equipment and the books on tape.

Remember: the ASC is here to provide you with the four S's:

S-Skills
S-Support
S-Services
S-Strategies

Dr. Thomas Frazier Discusses Asperberger's Disorder

By Mary Jo O'Neill



On January 11, 2008, more than 100 NDC faculty and staff attended a presentation by Thomas W. Frazier, Ph.D., of the Cleveland Clinic, on high functioning autism disorders in higher education.

Dr. Frazier was introduced by Chariya-Marie C., a member of the ASC.

On a different note, let me draw your attention to a recent article in the *New York Times* on December 6, 2007:

"The report, compiled by Julie Logan, a professor of entrepreneurship at the Cass Business School in London, found that more than a third of the entrepreneurs she had surveyed — 35 percent — identified themselves as dyslexic. The study also concluded that dyslexics were more likely than non-dyslexics to delegate authority, to excel in oral communication and problem solving and were twice as likely to own two or more businesses."

This article reaffirms that students with learning differences are highly successful in the real world.

Finally, through a government grant, the ASC and all of its students have been provided with a year-long membership in Bookshare, which provides textbooks as well as novels on loan. This gives you an opportunity to listen and read a variety of books.

Enjoy!

His presentation focused on the features of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and reviewed ways to promote academic success for individuals with ASD. His presentation addressed autism symptoms, stereotypical behaviors, non-verbal behaviors and possible causes of ASD such as environmental exposure and genetics.

Dr. Frazier urged the faculty to be proactive with their students, incorporate visual modality in class lectures, permit accommodations and respect the individual's wishes. He also stressed the importance of not being afraid to intervene; helping students to avoid a negative educational outcome.

The College Student's Creed

by Dorothy Power

Believe in yourself, be positive and appreciate each day.



Be sure to carefully read each of your syllabi and more importantly be sure you understand what is expected of you. Highlight assignment and test dates.

Ask questions if you are unsure of anything. Instructors, counselors, and advisors in the Academic Support Center are available.

Remember your peers may have the answers you search.

Be aware of your physical, mental, and emotional needs.

1. Get enough sleep each night.
2. Eat a healthy diet.
3. Drink 6-8 glasses of water daily.
4. Schedule time for some form of exercise - swimming, walking, etc.
5. Allow time for recreational activities.
- 6 Do one good deed a day, say please and thank you often and be a good listener.

"Have the faith to believe you are in exactly the place you are meant to be today."

From Music to Math: Meet Michael Schultz

Michael Schultz was a double major in music and physics at Case Western Reserve University. Eventually concentrating in music, he holds his bachelor of arts, master of music, and doctor of musical arts degrees from Case Western Reserve University/The Cleveland Institute of Music.

He has performed with various orchestras around the country and is now the principal double bassist with the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra. His knowledge of math and physics has given him a profound understanding of musical acoustics. He has been a piano and harpsichord technician and restorer for 30 years.

Having never lost his enthusiasm for math and physics, he has been tutoring these subjects for more than 10 years at Cuyahoga Community College where he holds a Level 1 tutoring certification.

It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.

Reneé Descartes

The Science Of Learning

Maureen Becker is an instructional advisor in science at the Academic Support Center. Maureen received her bachelor's degree in education with an emphasis in biology from the University of Dayton.

Presently she teaches at Regina High School and Saint Gregory the Great Elementary School. With Maureen's help, students from these schools have competed in regional science fairs and Olympiads.

In her spare time, Maureen coaches her children in softball and basketball. She lives in South Euclid with her husband and three children.

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

Plato

A Holiday Performance

By Carol Sisson



On Friday, December 7, 2007, the Notre Dame College Vocal Ensemble performed in the annual Christmas Celebration held in Christ the King Chapel for a capacity audience of parents, friends, faculty and staff.

Following the performance, the audience was

invited to the Performing Arts Center for refreshments and an opportunity to make Christmas ornaments.

The Choral Group entertained the audience in the PAC with Christmas carols. The evening ended with a special visit from Santa. ASC students Joe D, Mike K., Chrissy O. and Char C. participate in the Choral Group.

ASC Students Take the Stage

By Maureen Becker

Students from the ASC will perform at the Cleveland Playhouse on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The production, "Walk, Don't Ride," will be the debut of Joe D., Chariya-Marie C., Whitney K., Jenna S., Mike K., Chrissy O. and Kevin S. at the Playhouse.

Joe performs as a narrator and Chariya-Marie will play Rosa Parks in this moving drama about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.

GOOD JOB!

Congratulations to our attendance winners for Transfer to Action!

Group 1 winners were Ado S. and Elyse W.

Group 2 winners were Whitney K., Mike L. and Jenna S.

Group 3 winners were Chrissy O. and Matt S.

Group 4 winners were David C., Lee D., Sarah D., Jim W., and Jackie W.

