

Greetings Baylor students! Here's our "valentine" to you – a new To-Do List full of helpful information. This month's List includes important information about academic success, financial aid, as well as academic advising and registration information. We hope it is helpful and that you utilize this information. Be sure and enter the important dates below in your planners now.

Thanks and have a wonderful February. – Your Baylor Quality Service Team

## February To-Do List:

### Tip of the Month

You are going into the 5<sup>th</sup> week of classes - which means you are almost one-third through the spring semester. Have you.....

- had a major exam?
  - do you need to talk about test recovery?  
[http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=42442](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=42442)
  - how about a tutor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=33852](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=33852)
  
- scheduled your major assignments, projects, or research papers?
  - need to visit the writing center?  
<http://www.baylor.edu/english/index.php?id=12534>
  - have you ever met a reference librarian?  
<http://www.baylor.edu/lib/index.php?id=28536>
  
- gotten behind on homework?
  - it's time to visit with your professor to see how to catch up.
  - how about a tutor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=33852](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=33852)
  - or a mentor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=22922](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=22922)
  
- made your advising appointment for summer and/or fall classes?
  - to find your academic advisor -  
Log into Bearweb and go to Registration and then Advisement and Contact Information to verify your major and to check all your academic advising requirements and instructions.
  - thinking about changing your major? <http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling/>

### Important To-Do's

- **Pay February tuition installment** – Log in to Bear Web (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>) and choose "Student & Financial Aid" and then "Cashier."

- **Don't procrastinate! File your FAFSA to meet March 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline** – You have to file or renew your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) **every year** to be considered for need-based financial aid. For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo> .
- **If you are thinking of dropping a class...** – Be aware of the deadlines. Last day to drop a class without a grade is **February 11<sup>th</sup>**. After that, you will get a “DP” or “DF;” a “DF” has the same effect as an “F” on your grade point. Dropping classes can affect all kinds of things like your financial aid and your ability to stay in the residence hall. Read the information on this site before dropping a class: <http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796>
- **Get all your books before it's too late** - The bookstore will begin returning textbooks that have not sold beginning in mid-February, so if you haven't bought all your books yet – keep that in mind. They won't be there forever.
- **Start preparing for registration** – Early registration for summer and fall '08 begins for most first-year students on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. (Click here for more information on the early registration schedule (<http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule> ). April may seem a long way off, but there are lots of things for you to do between now and then. Here are some suggestions:
  - **Visit Career Counseling** – Undeclared or wanting to revisit your MAJOR decision? Contact Career Counseling for assistance **BEFORE** advising begins to get a head start on the process ( [www.baylor.edu/careercounseling](http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling) or 254-710-8434.)
  - **Check out the schedule of classes** – Summer and fall class schedules will be up on the web by **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Take a look and have some ideas before you meet with your advisor: <https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings> .
- **Make an appointment to be advised for Summer and Fall 2008 classes** - Appointment-making for academic advising begins on February 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue through early registration. **Don't wait too long to make your appointment(s) to be advised or you may not be able to register until after your assigned registration date.** All first-year students and most sophomores are required to be advised before registering. Students are assigned to advisors by major or academic program and semester hours completed. All students should log into Bearweb and go to Registration and then Advisement and Contact Information to get specific details about their advising requirements and who to contact for an appointment. E-mail any questions to [academic\\_advisement\\_office@baylor.edu](mailto:academic_advisement_office@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-7280.

## Other Good Things To-Do

- **Check for additional scholarship opportunities for next year** – [http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/addl\\_scholarships](http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/addl_scholarships) . These applications will be for the 2008-2009 academic year; apply if you meet the criteria! Check the site often; new applications are added throughout February and March as they are received!

- **Participate in the 2008 Tunnel of Oppression event** – This dynamic event is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 10 pm in the Barfield Drawing room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

### Important February Dates:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>2/5</b> – STEM Job Fair</li> <li>▪ <b>2/8</b> – Summer, Fall '08 course listings should be on-line: <a href="https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings">https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings</a></li> <li>▪ <b>2/11</b> – Last day to drop a class without a grade assigned. After this date, classes dropped must be assigned a “DP” or “DF” by the instructor of record. Please visit this site before dropping: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796">http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>2/13</b> - Hire A Bear Career Fair</li> <li>▪ <b>2/20</b> – Teacher Job Fair</li> <li>▪ <b>2/29</b> – February tuition installment due</li> </ul>
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### Around the corner:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>3/8-3/16</b> – Spring Break</li> <li>▪ <b>3/18</b> – Courses dropped after this day will be recorded as failed. Please visit this site before dropping: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796">http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796</a></li> <li>▪ <b>4/3 &amp; 4/4</b> – 2008 Tunnel of Oppression event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>4/15</b> – Early registration begins for most first-year students. For more information about your early registration date, visit: (<a href="http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule">http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule</a>)</li> <li>▪ <b>4/17</b> – Diadeloso</li> </ul>
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