April and May To-Do List

Dr. Success's Tip of the Month:

Stressed about your classes?. If you are struggling in any of your classes, it is critical for you to reach out for help, whether by going to the basement of Sid Richardson Building for Academic Support Programs, utilizing your professor's office hours, Supplemental Instruction, or Tutoring.

Also ask yourself if your study habits are working for you. If so, keep up the great work! If not, visit with your professor about best practices in studying that particular discipline. You can also ask your tutor for study tips or compare strategies with other students in your class.

Here are some ideas to try if you're looking for a study strategy makeover:

- If you use flashcards, try reviewing them from the reverse side. Shuffle them often so you expose yourself to the information in different arrangements.
- If your instructor allows access to previously submitted materials, review quizzes and homework assignments by reworking the problems on fresh paper.
- Pretend you have a younger sibling who is really interested in what you are learning. Try to explain the material in a way that a 15-17 year old could understand it. Paraphrasing and simplifying the material will help you wrap your mind around it. And kudos to you if you know it well enough to "teach" it to someone else!
- Write a practice exam. Try to anticipate ways your instructor might test you over the material. Ideally, you could organize several in the class to write practice tests as well, so that everyone has a chance to take a practice test written by someone else. You can compare answers and better assess what you know well and where you still need to focus your study resources.

Prioritize:

- Verify the dates and times for all of your final exams.

- Note all dates for projects and exams in your Planner.

- Get advised for summer and fall classes before your early registration start time. You can find contact information for your advisor(s) in BearWeb. You should register for your full Fall schedule before you leave for the summer to ensure that your financial aid and other facets of your academic career continue as smoothly as possible.
• Register for summer and/or fall courses before you leave campus for the summer.

• Get ahead and stay ahead by staying in Waco and taking Baylor courses you need to stay on track to graduate in four years. Do you know about the 25% summer rate discount once you have maximized the hours you can successfully complete in the Fall/spring terms? Read about the tuition break and about the possible use of an academic scholarship during the summer.

• Check out a brand new summer course option that will be available—ONLINE classes! For Summer 2015, the College of Arts and Sciences is offering online general education courses - GEOG 1300, HIS 2365, HIS 2366, NSC 1306/1106, PSY 1305, REL 1310, REL 1350, SOC 1305 - that can be used in most majors across the campus. Seriously think about Baylor classes this summer and talk with your advisor about how to stay on track with your degree plan!

Academic:

• Finish the semester strong! Be sure to visit the free Tutoring Center on the first floor of Sid Richardson for additional guidance in a variety of course topics. Check our [online schedule](#) for a complete list of courses offered and times tutors are available for those courses. We are open Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 8 pm.

• Plan a [summer or semester abroad](#).

• Check out [Undergraduate Research at Baylor](#) and explore ways to maximize your education through research and scholarly activities in the classroom and beyond.

Financial:

• File your [FAFSA](#).

• Apply for [Work Study](#) for Summer if you will be around.

• Pay your April [monthly bill](#).
• You can access your E-Bill and set up authorized users for your Baylor Cashier's Account.

Development:

• Check out the Counseling Center's list of groups and clinics, especially the new Walk-In Clinic.

• Work in Waco Job Fair - Wednesday, April 22, 1:00-4:30 p.m. - Waco Convention Center, McLennan Room. Work in Waco (WIW) is the premier college recruiting event in Central Texas. It is a collaborative effort among Baylor University, McLennan Community College (MCC), Texas State Technical College, University Center at MCC, Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas and the Greater Waco Chamber. Current students attending one of these host institutions are invited to consider local employers for internship opportunities and part-time and full-time positions.

• Walk-in Assistance for Resume Review, Sid Richardson Building, Room 132, Monday & Thursday: 2:00-3:00 p.m., Tuesday: 10:00-11:30 a.m., Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 a.m., Friday: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Important April and May 2015 Dates:

• 04/03 - 04/06 - Easter Break
• 04/30 - April Monthly Bill Due
• 05/06 - 05/11 - Final Exams
• 05/15 - 05/16 - Commencement

Check It Out:

• 04/09 - Financial Foundations Workshop: Credit Cards, Scores, and ID Theft. Jones Library, Room 105, 5:30-6:30pm.

• 04/14 - Dia Del Oso

• 04/16 - Science Thursdays: Bouncing Photons off Squeezed Materials - Mayborn
Museum Complex, 7:00-8:00pm.

- **04/19** - [Women’s Choir Concert](#) - First Baptist Church of Waco, 3:00pm.

- **04/25** - [President’s Concert](#) - Jones Concert Hall, 7:30pm.

- **05/05** - [The End of Religion? Symposium](#) - Paul Powell Chapel, Truett Seminary, 8:30am - 12:00pm.