March To-Do List

Dr. Success's Tip of the Month:

Do you feel like you set goals but aren't getting results? Maybe you have set a goal to "study more," "do better," or "be more organized." These goals are noble, but they are vague. How will you know when you have reached your goal? **Try making your goals as specific as possible.** For instance, instead of wanting to "study more," set a goal to "study for at least four hours each day." Instead of deciding to "do better," set a goal that you will "attend SI or Tutoring at least once per week for courses in which you are making at or below a B+." And instead of trying to "be more organized," set specific goals including, "keep a daily planner to organize my assignments, appointments, and responsibilities" or "go to sleep by 10pm each night."

By setting specific goals, you can help yourself be more purposeful about accomplishing them and you can better assess your performance. **Studies have shown that having specific goals can improve your chances of success by about 300%!** You might even consider sharing your goals with a professor, advisor, mentor, or peer to help you stay on track!

Prioritize:

- Note all dates for projects and exams in your <u>Planner</u>.
- Thought about your Fall schedule yet? Be sure to schedule an advising appointment before Early Registration begins. You can find contact information for your advisor(s) in <u>BearWeb</u>. Not getting advised could prevent you from registering for Fall and Summer classes, so schedule your appointment today.
- Plan your summer at Baylor now. 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? <u>Read about the tuition break and about the possible use of an academic</u> <u>scholarship during the summer.</u>
- 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:

- Check out <u>Scholars Week</u>, March 30-April 2! Undergraduate students that have conducted research will present their work throughout the week. Majors in Computer Science and Engineering display new designs, while film students participate in the Black Glasses Festival. Students from humanities, languages, arts and professional fields, such as business, give platform presentations attended by faculty and other undergraduates. Student researchers from the sciences, mathematics and quantitative social sciences set up poster presentations in the Baylor Sciences Building. Academic departments give awards for the best research designs and presentations, including outstanding individual and group presentation. Even if you aren't presenting research, drop in to what interests you to learn more about how you can get involved in undergraduate research at Baylor!
- Would you like some general study strategy guidance for that next test? Stop by the tutoring center! Some of our tutors serve as study strategy specialists in addition to providing tutoring for their specific subjects. They would be happy to help! <u>Tutoring</u> is available Monday Thursday, 9 am 8 pm in the First Floor Study Commons of Sid Richardson Building.
 - ***Top 3 Tips for Working with Your Tutor***
 - o Bring your notes and textbook to each session.
 - o Be prepared with specific questions or topics for which you would like help.
 - Attend tutoring early and often. Begin meeting with your tutor several weeks in advance of your next test.
- Get advised before your registration day! Advising appointments are open in most advising areas. Once you verify in <u>BearWeb</u> that your major is correct, make your advising appointment as soon as possible. Beginning the process early is especially important for students who are required to be advised by more than one area or department.
- Plan a summer or semester abroad.
- Check out <u>Undergraduate Research at Baylor</u> and explore ways to maximize your education through research and scholarly activities in the classroom and beyond.

Financial:

- File your <u>FAFSA</u>.
- Apply for <u>Work Study</u> for Summer if you will be around.

- Pay your March 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.
- <u>Teacher Job Fair</u>, Thurs., March 5, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: Student browsing, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.: On-site interviews, Cashion Academic Center, 5th Floor. Job fair for Baylor students, alumni, and the community seeking teaching opportunities.
- <u>Career & Professional Development</u>. A prestigious degree is a door opener; however, a young professional must offer something more than basic technical knowledge. Professional relationships are developed in a variety of situations, including lunches, receptions, dinners and fundraisers. Do you have the tools you need to stand out?
- <u>Walk-in Assistance for Resume Review</u>, 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 March 2015 Dates:

- 03/07 03/15 Spring Break
- 03/31 Spring Monthly Bill Due

Check It Out:

• 03/03 - 03/04 - <u>Bear Faire for May Graduates</u> - Stone Room, Ferrell Center, 12:00-6:00pm.

- 03/05 Women's Choir Festival Concert Jones Concert Hall, 5:00pm.
- **03/16 03/17** <u>Pence Lecture Series: Millicent Marcus ("The Restless Priest and the Reluctant Pope: Nanni Moretti's Journey from 'The Mass Is Ended to Habemus Papam'")</u> Alexander Reading Room, 5:30-6:30pm.
- **03/17** <u>Her Texas</u> Her Texas will be a gathering to share and celebrate the power of Texas women. The event features music, readings, refreshments and a book signing by Her Texas editors. The event is free and open to the public. Armstrong Browning Library, 6:00-8:00pm.
- **03/19** <u>Science Thursdays: Exploring the Subatomic World</u> Mayborn Museum Complex, 7:00-8:00pm.
- 03/21 Bearathon!
- **03/28** <u>Clarinet Choir and Chamber Music Festival Recital with Jun Qian and Stephen</u> <u>Ahearn</u> - Jones Concert Hall, 1:00pm.
- **03/28 03/29** <u>South 40 Outdoor Expo</u> Extraco Events Center, 10:00am-5:00pm on the 28th and 11:00am-5:00pm on the 29th.
- 03/30 04/02 URSA Scholars Week.

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