Conclude with a Message of Support and Challenge

It is not too early to begin discussing exams and the end of the semester with your students. During the first semester, students might find that time gets away from them, and exams and papers are due sooner than they expected. Instruct them to pull out their syllabi and note all the important dates and review the details of how the course is graded. Remind them to look at their Mapworks report to review their areas of risk. Once again, point them to the Success Center for academic reinforcement or the Counseling and Health Centers to make sure that distractions and stressors are minimized.

While you are encouraging your students with the on campus resources, follow up with inspiring co-curricular opportunities that Baylor offers. Students will want to look on the Spiritual Life website for information about missions (http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife/index.php?id=53462), and the Paul L. Foster Success Center site for information regarding Academic Excellence Opportunities (http://www.baylor.edu/successcenter/index.php?id=90028).

If your students seem to have unresolved issues that might interfere with their success for the remainder of the Fall or into the Spring, consider speaking to them regarding these barriers so they may address them in a timely manner. Most importantly, let your students know that you are available to them, and that you are a resource to help them seek out the information they need to excel and thrive in their four years at Baylor.

**Thank you!** I hope the remaining time with your students is productive and professionally fulfilling. Know that you are making a difference in the lives of your students by building relationships with them and walking them through the first semester of their Baylor experience.

The link to the NSE website is (http://www.baylor.edu/nse/).