NSE Instructor Update—Week 2  
August 27, 2018

We are thankful for your investment in our new students as they begin their college journey at Baylor. Did any challenges come up last week that I can assist with? Any success stories to share?

**Here are some important updates for this week:**
Please encourage your students to visit with you during **office hours**. If time permits, meet with each student individually, or meet with them in groups of 3-5, to discuss things like homesickness, time management, campus involvement, and areas of academic strengths or weaknesses.

Have you seen the **Mindset List** for this year’s entering college class of 2022. **Check out the Mindset List** to learn more about the class of 2022! An additional resource to better understand our students is a new book by **Dr. Jean M. Twenge, iGen**.

As a follow-up to the **NSE Workshop keynote presentation** from Dr. Rishi Sriram, I’ve attached Dr. Sriram’s recent article that was published this summer. This article overlaps with the content he presented at our recent workshop.

As an NSE instructor community we want to try to engage **every** student we encounter in a brief conversation about their academic work. We do this because we want students to know that their academic work is important and there are supports all around them that care about their success. This is a good week to try to help students look forward. Here are some conversation starters for this week:
- **What welcome week events were helpful in your transition to Baylor?**
- **What classes are you excited about? What are your goals for this semester?**
- **How are things going with your roommate?**

**New2BU Survey:** This fall all incoming students are encouraged to participate in the **New2BU Survey**. A unique survey link will be sent to new students Baylor email accounts on **Tuesday, September 4 (at approximately 9 am)**. The survey only takes up to five minutes to complete. Once students complete the survey, they will be entered to win one of twenty-five Amazon gift cards valued at $25 each. This survey helps us to connect to students who need some additional support and resources. This year all NSE instructors will have access to student’s survey results via the GoodData system. If you would like to access your student’s results, you’ll need to set up a password since this site is not single sign-on with our Baylor credentials. Additional information about the GoodData log-in will be emailed to you shortly before the survey launches on September 4th.

**Students with Disabilities:** As a reminder, if students need yet have not applied for accommodations through **OALA**, it is critical that they do so now.

**Seminars For Excellence in Teaching.** Each fall the **Academy for Teaching and Learning** hosts a series of one-hour Seminars for Excellence in Teaching (SET). There are a variety of seminars lined up for fall, [click here](#) for a full view of the fall 2018 seminars. One of your fellow NSE instructors, Dr. Mito Diaz-Espinoza, will be presenting on September 26th on “Teaching the First: Strategies for Teaching and Engaging First-Generation College Students”.

**Career & Professional Development Opportunities:**
Lattes and Resumes (September 12, 2018, 12:00-3:00pm), Location: Moody Library and CPD Office. Lattes and Resumes is a professional development event to assist student in designing their resumes intentionally based on their area of interest. This event will provide students an opportunity to talk with CPD staff for edits on their resumes before the fall career fairs.

BU Suit Up (September 16, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm), Location: JCPenney, Richland Mall. BU Suit Up is an opportunity to find professional business dress at a highly discounted price. Men’s and Women’s professional wear will be discounted up to 70% off for exclusive shopping just for Baylor students at JCPenney. Sephora will be available for hair and make-up tips and store consultants and CPD staff will be there to help students find the perfect outfit(s) to help jump start their career!

For your students! This section is written for students. Feel free to edit and send to your students or use as announcements in class:

• The New2BU Survey will be sent to your Baylor email account on Tuesday, September 4th. I would recommend you take the survey as soon as you are able to. The New2BU is our survey for new students to help us join in your journey and ensure you thrive here at Baylor. Most complete the survey in less than 5 minutes.

• I encourage you to visit the Paul L. Foster Success Center so that if you need help in a class now or later, you will know where to find help. Academic Support Programs offers Supplemental Instruction, tutoring, a Learning Lab and mentoring to any student who would benefit from an additional resource and perspective in an area of study.

• Did you know The Writing Center tutors can assist you to become a more effective and confident writer? Writing Center Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Writing Center is located in Carroll Science G-06.

• Did you know that Career & Professional Development strongly encourages you to complete two or more internships before you graduate? You can begin interning as early as your first year at Baylor. To make an appointment with an internship coordinator log into Handshake.

First Generation College Students: This year approximately 16% of our new students are first generation (First in Line) students who will be the first in their families to earn a college degree. These students may benefit from extra support from you, particularly at the beginning of the semester when they may feel overwhelmed. Because First in Line students tend to be less involved in pre-matriculation activities, you as their faculty are their primary point of contact at Baylor. If first generation college students seem discouraged, consider reminding them that they belong here and have what it takes to succeed. Find out more at http://www.baylor.edu/firstinline or reach out to the First in Line Program Manager Dr. Mito Diaz-Espinoza for additional support Mito_Diaz-Espinoza@baylor.edu

Transfer Students: Transfer students come to Baylor for a variety of reasons, often with a complex personal story as to why and how they got here. As an instructor, giving your students a safe place to share their story and experiences with their peers and with you could go far in establishing significance in your classroom. Whether you have your class break into small groups, or you meet one on one with them, it is important for them to share their story. When you hear the reason why they are here, you can more fully appreciate the perspective they bring to your class, and more appropriately challenge and encourage them. Feel free to contact Joe Oliver, Transfer Student Success Program Director directly with any concerns or questions about transfer students. Joe_Oliver@baylor.edu or 254-710-2775