December 2012 e-Newsletter

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings!

As the semester winds down, it is important for UT Parents & Families to provide encouragement and support to their student(s) in preparation for final exams. Final exams and projects can prove to be a very stressful time for students, particularly students who are experiencing final exams for the first time in college.

Here are some helpful tips to offer your student(s):

- Utilize the Learning Enhancement Center (LEC) tutoring facility in Carlson Library
- Utilize the Writing Center in Carlson Library for assistance with papers/projects
- Utilize the Counseling Center in Rocket Hall – they offer stress management workshops (free!)
- Get plenty of rest, exercise at the Rec Center, and eat healthy foods
- Attend optional study or review sessions professors may offer
- Communicate with professors and visit office hours regarding questions/concerns
- Re-read course notes, textbooks, and other materials
- Review class material over a period of time; don’t cram the night before

Final Exam Week: December 10-14, 2012

Helpful Articles for Families

“When College Kids Come Home for the Winter Break, Stress and Tension can Mount” by Neil Schoenherr, Washington University in St. Louis

When college students return home for their winter break, it can be an adjustment
for the entire family. While parents may have preconceived ideas about how the family will spend the holidays, students are anxious to try out their newfound independence.

“The winter break is the first extended time at home for most freshmen since they left for college in the summer,” says Karen Levin Coburn, associate vice chancellor for students and dean of the freshman transition at Washington University in St. Louis. “The first semester at college may have been their first glimpse of freedom. They wonder if it is possible to go home and still maintain their newfound independence.”

- Don’t be alarmed if students come home exhausted from the stress of taking final exams.
- If there are siblings at home, the family has to reconfigure.
- Be prepared to discuss money issues openly.
- Don’t be surprised if time is a potentially explosive topic.
- Conversations between parents and students are essential and can be extremely rewarding.
- Make plans early.
- Refrain from doing everything for your student. Help foster independence in your student.

To read the full article, visit: http://news.wustl.edu/news/Pages/4228.aspx

“What Can My College Student Do During Winter Break?”
http://www.collegeparents.org/members/resources/articles/what-can-my-college-student-do-during-winter-break

News from the Office of Residence Life

Residence Hall Move Out for Winter Break:
by 8pm on Friday, December 14, 2012

Residence halls will re-open for the spring semester at 9am on Saturday, January 5, 2013.

All residence halls will close for the winter break on Friday, December 14, 2012. All residents must make their own living arrangements during the winter break (between fall and spring semester). Beginning at 8pm on Friday, December 14, 2012 through 9am on Saturday, January 5, 2013, only approved residents will be allowed into the residence halls. No overnight guests are allowed during the winter break.

Winter Break Housing
Residents staying on campus will be housed in the Horton International House temporary spaces on a first-come first-offered basis. All residents who want to stay during the winter break must complete a Transition Housing application for winter break housing and turn it in to the Office of Residence Life no later than Wednesday, December 12, 2012. This includes all students working desk, security or resident adviser/house manager shifts. The forms are available in the
Office of Residence Life.

Before departing for the winter break, all residents should check their room for the following:

- All doors are closed and securely locked
- Take all medications home
- Windows are closed and securely locked
- Curtains are closed
- All room lights are turned off
- Alarms or alarm clocks are turned to “off”
- All valuables are taken home or secured
- All trash is removed
- Remove all open foods
- Empty, defrost, clean and leave the refrigerator open and wash all dirty dishes
- Unplug all electrical appliances
- Turn the thermostat to low. DO NOT TURN OFF!

Students who are not planning to return to UT for the spring semester, and reside on-campus, must speak to their residence hall director as soon as possible.

Questions about on-campus housing?
Call the Office of Residence Life at 419.530.2941.

Registration Cancellation Process
The spring semester payment due date is December 28, 2012.

Students with a balance of over $5000 for spring semester or who have not paid the first installment payment (if signed up for the Installment Payment Plan) by January 2, 2013 will have their spring semester classes dropped.

Questions about financial aid, account/billing, or registration?
Call Rocket Solution Central at 419.530.8700.

IMPORTANT DATES ☞☞☞☞

Final Exams

Final Exam Week is December 10-14, 2012.

Fall Commencement

Fall Commencement will be held on December 15, 2012 in Savage Arena. Details can be found at: http://www.utoledo.edu/commencement/

Fall Semester Move Out Date

Students must move out of residence halls by Friday, December 14 at 8pm
Fall Grades

The University does not mail grades. Students may access their fall grades online via the Student Tab in the myUT Portal beginning December 19.

Spring Semester Payment Due Date

December 28, 2012

Spring Semester 2013

January 5-6: Spring semester on-campus housing move in. Students may move back into the residence halls beginning at 9am on January 5, 2013.

Monday, January 7: Spring semester classes begin!

Monday, January 21: MLK Holiday/University Closed/No Classes

Friday, January 25: Deadline for spring 2013 undergraduate graduation application

Monday, January 28: Registration for summer semester classes begins!

March 4-8: Spring Break (no classes, but UT is open)

EVENTS ◊◊◊◊◊

Save the Date:
The UT Opera will present its inaugural Holiday Opera Gala, Sunday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Doerrmann Theater in University Hall.

Athletic Events

Friday, November 30 - Sunday, December 2
Women's Swimming & Diving
Akron Invite Akron, OH All Day

Saturday, December 01
Women's Basketball vs. SIU
Edwardsville at 2:30pm
Men's Basketball at Cleveland Live Audio
State at 2pm

Sunday, December 02
Women's Basketball vs. Southern/
St. Bonaventure at 2:30pm

**Wednesday, December 05**

Men's Basketball at Detroit at 7pm

**Saturday, December 08**

Women's Basketball vs. Milwaukee at 2pm  
Men's Basketball at Eastern Illinois at 6pm CT

**Saturday, December 15**

Women's Basketball at Marquette at 7pm (CT)

**Tuesday, December 18**

Men's Basketball vs. Siena Heights  
(EXHIBITION) at 7pm

**Thursday, December 20**

Women's Basketball vs. Evansville at 7pm

**Friday, December 21**

Women's Basketball vs. Prairie View A&M/Hampton at 7pm

**Saturday, December 29**

Women's Basketball vs. Charlotte at 4pm  
Men's Basketball vs. UIC at 2pm

**Sunday, December 30**

Women's Basketball at Mississippi Valley State/Georgia State, TBA
For the third time in six years, The University of Toledo is leading the way toward an affordable college education by holding undergraduate tuition and all fees steady for the 2013-14 academic year.

Full-time freshmen living on campus this year (2012-2013), we want you back! Freshmen who complete the year with at least 24 credit hours and a 2.5 GPA can return to the residence halls as sophomores with a 25 percent discount!

For more information, visit: [http://www.utoledo.edu/affordable/](http://www.utoledo.edu/affordable/)

**Students may sign up for housing for the 2013-2014 academic year now through the myUT Portal!**

Application Information: 
[http://www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/returnerapplication.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/returnerapplication.html)

2013-2014 Housing Contract information:
UT Women’s Cross Country Team Wins MAC and places 28th in NCAA Championship! For the third straight year, the UT Women’s Cross Country Team has won the MAC Championship. Their 28th place finish in the Division I NCAA Championship is one of the highest finishes in UT history! View full story: [http://www.utrockets.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=18000&ATCLID=205747631](http://www.utrockets.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=18000&ATCLID=205747631)

Toledo Soccer Finishes Sixth Nationally in Team GPA

The Toledo women’s soccer team has been recognized for its achievements in the classroom by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Rockets received the association’s 2011-12 Team Academic Award.

UT posted a 3.58 overall grade-point average during the 2011-12 academic year to rank sixth among Division I programs, marking the seventh-consecutive year the Rockets have posted a top-10 mark.

Toledo also finished third nationally in 2005-06, tied for second in 2006-07, 10th in 2007-08, second in 2008-09, tied for second in 2009-10, and most recently tied for fifth in 2010-11.

UT was one of four Mid-American Conference teams to rank among the top 10, along with national leader Western Michigan (3.65 GPA), No. 3 Bowling Green (3.61 GPA) and No. 4 Central Michigan (3.61 GPA).

The three-time MAC regular-season and four-time tournament champions have posted team GPAs above 3.0 in each of the last 23 semesters under Head Coach Brad Evans.

Do you have ideas, suggestions, or recommendations for future topics to be featured in the UT Family Connections e-newsletter?

If so, e-mail them to familyconnections@utoledo.edu

To view previous/archived UT Family Connections e-newsletters, visit: [www.utoledo.edu/parent](http://www.utoledo.edu/parent)