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A FEW REMINDERS FROM CAMPUS HOUSING

All Adams State University students who reside in on-campus housing will be receiving check-out instructions for the upcoming winter break. Before the students leave for the winter break, they will need to set up a time to check out with their Resident Assistant. Students do not need to take their belongings home over the holiday season. Below is a brief list of the instructions given to the students regarding the holiday break:

- Thoroughly clean the room/apartment
- Remove all trash to the dumpsters
- Unplug all electrical appliances (except refrigerators)
- Secure the room/apartment by locking the windows/doors
- Remove all valuables from the facility for safe keeping

The housing facilities will close at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 18th and will reopen at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 12th. If your student needs to remain on campus during the break, they will need to make arrangements through the Housing Office. We hope you have a wonderful holiday break and we’ll see you next year!

REMEmBER! “Before the students leave for the winter break, they need to set up a time to check out with their Resident Assistant.”

Counseling and Career Center Information

Is your student having trouble finding and sticking with a major? How about dealing with personal or relationship issues, or even figuring out where to start in resume building when looking for a job? If any of these sound familiar the Career and Counseling Center wants to help. Any type of issue your student may be dealing with, the C&C Center is available at your student’s convenience.

Services include personal, career and supplemental counseling. We also take part in tobacco prevention and cessation services, emergency response and students of concern, we help sponsor World AIDS Day and encourage the acceptance of diversity around campus.

Please feel free to have your student call or drop in at any time. We are located in Richardson Hall, Rm # 220.
FIRST HOLIDAY HOME: A STUDENT’S PERSPECTIVE

A student may view the college experience as a way to get away from the rules and regulations that their parents have put forth since birth. However with the holiday break quickly approaching, students begin their journey back home. For many students and parents it will be a transition that will be difficult because so much has changed and happened over the past three months. Students may come home with new body art such as a tattoo or piercing. Or it might be an extreme shortening or coloring of the hair. Students and parents will both have to reunite and adjust to the new lifestyles that both have grown accustomed to over the last three months.

Coming from a student who has been there, my only advice is for parents to be patient. Just remember that within the college student that has come home for the holidays is still the same person you dropped off in August. It might just take a few extra days to get used to him or her with the new colorful design on their arm.

By Nathan Shock
First-Year Interest Group (FIG) mentor

ADVISING FOR UNDERGRADUATES: A MESSAGE FROM ONE-STOP

In an attempt to do everything possible to get our student’s to succeed, we require our degree-seeking undergraduate students to be advised and obtain a registration or alternate PIN from their advisor before they may register. Prerequisite and test score restrictions are in place to ensure that students enroll in courses for which they are prepared to complete successfully. Please make arrangements to meet with your advisor as soon as possible to ensure you are enrolled in the courses needed to meet your educational goals.

If you are a continuing student, a degree seeking undergraduate, please schedule an appointment to meet with your academic advisor. During the session plan to review the schedule of classes you will take this semester to obtain your registration PIN and ensure you are on track for graduation.

If you have any questions, please contact the One-Stop at (719) 587-7366 or e-mail us at asconestop@adams.edu

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October
29—Spring Registration

November
21-25—Thanksgiving Break

December
10th—Study Day
11-14th—Finals
15th—Fall commencement

January
12th-13th—New Student Orientation
14th—Classes Begin
21st—Martin Luther King Day—No Class
17th—Housing Check out
21st—Final grades available online
30th—Last Day to add/drop classes
11-14th—Finals

15th—Fall commencement

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS ADAMS STATE AMONG TOP WESTERN REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES

Adams State University was listed among the top 120 Western regional universities in the *U.S. News and World Report*’s Best Colleges rankings, released Wednesday. Adams State was listed among the second-tier colleges in the 13-state West region.

"We are very pleased to be named one of U.S. News's best colleges in the west," said Dr. David Svaldi, president of Adams State University. "Adams State is steadily building a reputation for great undergraduate instruction in a supportive academic setting. We’ve seen enrollment growth, campus improvements, and expansion of our academic and athletic programs." The second-tier colleges are not ranked numerically, but listed alphabetically. Regional universities are those schools that offer a full-range of undergraduate programs, some master’s programs and a few doctoral programs.

U.S. News annually ranks the nation's best colleges and universities based on a number of factors, starting with the institution’s mission and including 16 indicators of academic excellence, such as freshman retention, graduation rates, and the strength of the faculty. The rankings are designed to allow comparison of the relative quality of institutions.

The top-ranked regional university in the West was Trinity University in Texas, followed by California's Santa Clara University and Loyola Marymount University.

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Adams State University dedicates its resources to provide opportunity and access for all students. The University is an innovative leader that recognizes the inherent educational value of diversity. It is a catalyst for the educational, cultural, and economic interests of rural Colorado, the surrounding region, and the global community.

We measure our success by the success of our students in achieving their life goals. We are Colorado's most effective state-assisted four-year University. Our efforts provide a high quality educational experience through a supportive and rigorous learning environment. Our programs recognize the value of continual improvement while embracing diversity of culture and ideas that stimulate intellectual growth.

“Great Stories Begin Here”

CHECK THIS OUT:

Your Student will get all Refunds and work-study checks paid directly to their Higher One account, which can be accessed here: http://myonemoney.com/

Adams State also has an up to date Facebook where you can Like the page and follow events happening on campus or just scroll through beautiful pictures of our campus: http://www.facebook.com/#!/adamsstate?fref=ts

Check out our nifty Facebook!
TRANSFORMATION & GROWTH

Adams State has entered a new era of growth, recording an all-time high enrollment of 3,701 in fall 2011. The campus has been transformed, with $65 million worth of improvements nearly complete. An intimate campus with treed-lined walkways, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, supportive programs, and vibrant student life await Adams State students.

Founded in 1921 as a teachers' college, Adams State is now a university offering 16 undergraduate with 28 minors and emphases, as well as 8 master’s degree programs – most offered online. New academic programs are developed to address student and societal need.

BECOME THE LEADER YOU WERE MEANT TO BE!

Get involved in Adams State Life! With more than 40 clubs and organizations to participate in, everyone can find their place here at Adams State. There are so many leadership opportunities available: join AS&F Student Government, Tri-Beta, Adams Atoms, El Parnaso, Earth Club, Grizzly Activity Board, Climbing or Dance team and more.

We believe that it is essential to strengthen leadership skills by providing opportunities for students and future Adams State College students to learn about leadership from peer mentors. In order to do this we will host the first ever Summer Latino Leadership Summit at Adams State this July. You can even minor in Adventure Leadership and acquire technical leadership skills for employment in adventure based careers.

WE CAN’T FORGET STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUCCESS

Adams State University regards the first year of college as an important transition in a student's higher education experience. Therefore, Student Engagement and Success seeks to provide support services that promote the development of skills and transformation of fundamental perspectives for the success of first year students.

Check out First Year Interest Groups (FIGS) Facebook:

Adams State University

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As the semester draws to a close we at Adams State College and Student Engagement and Success sincerely hope that it was a pleasant and exciting few months for both you and your student. This ParentConnect newsletter is in place for you to stay in touch with what is going on around campus, give resources for help and provide any other assistance that a first-time college parent may need. We hope that it has been a useful tool for you in this time of transition.

We wish the best for your holiday season and thoroughly look forward to spending another semester with you and your student.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

FIRST YEAR INTEREST GROUPS LOOK BACK AT A MEMORABLE SEMESTER

It's rather amazing as we look at the calendar and realize that it is already November! Where did the semester go? Here in the Student Engagement and Success office we have a pretty good idea of where the time disappeared to. Our First Year Interest Group (FIG) mentors have done a great job at getting to know many of the freshmen and including them in activities not only here on campus but beyond its borders as well.

You don’t have to “officially” be in a FIG program to take part in the activities. All students are very welcome and encouraged to take part in activities put on by the FIG program.

First-Year Interest Groups!