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**Dates to Remember**

**November 11**  
Transfer To Action

**November 12**  
Priority Registration

**November 17**  
Falcon Friends

**November 25-29**  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 4**  
Last Day of Classes

**December 7-10**  
Final Exams

**December 30**  
Grade Reports Issued

**January 18, 2010**  
MLK Day- No classes

**January 19**  
First Day of Classes

**From the Desk of Gretchen Walsh**

I have great news from the Academic Support Center/Notre Dame College to share with you. We have been awarded a three-year, \$30,000 challenge grant by the Fred A. Lennon Charitable Trust to expand and further develop services within our Career Component. I am especially pleased that the Lennon Charitable Trust believed so strongly in our ASC services that it made a three-year commitment to our program. Additionally, I would like to thank the Lennon Trust Fund for having been a generous supporter of the Academic Support Center in the past.

With these expanded Career Services in place, please make sure to schedule an appointment with Marcie or Shane to research majors, practice interviewing skills, write a résumé or find an internship!

We have survived mid-term progress reports and are moving forward as we register for next semester. Please make sure to meet your academic advisor and ASC mentor as you take advantage of priority registration. Lastly, as we approach finals, here are a few questions to evaluate your test taking strategies:

**Do you usually know what to expect on a test before you go into the exam?**

- A. I make sure I know the test format and what exactly will be on the test so that I am not surprised on the day of the exam.
- B. No, I like to be surprised. I work well under pressure.
- C. Sometimes I assume math and science exams will be multiple choice and that English and history exams will be essay format, although I am not always right.

**When presented with an essay question on an exam, what do you do?**

- A. I pinpoint keywords so that I am sure I know what the question is asking me and then formulate an outline of my answer to help organize my thoughts.
- B. I begin writing my answer immediately and ramble on until I've gotten everything down I know about the topic.
- C. If I don't know the answer, I might panic, but if I do, I can usually get through somewhat coherently.

**If you answered:**  
 A-You are well prepared!  
 B-You have not thought effectively about how to prepare.  
 C-You have thought a little but you need to improve your study skills.

WHAT LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT LIES BEFORE US ARE TINY MATTERS COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US.





## Services Coordinator's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying their fall semester! As the spring semester quickly approaches, I would like to encourage all of you who are ready to complete your **required** internship at Notre Dame College to begin meeting with me or Shane Duncan, the Academic Support Center Career Coaches. All students who are sophomore status or above should begin thinking about fulfilling their internship experience soon.



## Student Spotlight

Mackenzie Brown, a freshman majoring in education demonstrated one of the many pieces of adaptive equipment to a group of master's students during their Integrated Technology class. Marcie Estopp, services coordinator for the ASC, was speaking to the group on assistive technology and asked Mackenzie to demonstrate the "Smart Pen."

The "Pulse Smart Pen" records professors' lectures while students take notes with it! Mackenzie said, "I think that this experience was fun and engaging for me and really helped me feel more comfortable speaking in front of other people!" Mackenzie will continue to help spread the word about the benefits of using adaptive equipment again in the future!



## Mark Your Calendar: Jan. 26, 2010

Parents and Students are invited to spend an evening with the renowned **Janis Mitchell**, advisor to Fortune 500 companies. Ms. Mitchell will speak on her personal experience with dyslexia and how she has overcome that obstacle. She "encourages other entrepreneurs to never settle and to always be up for a challenge." The event will take place in The Great Room at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2010. Please call the ASC 216.373.5184 to reserve your spot for this exciting presentation.

## The ASC Act hits the Road

Gretchen and Admissions Counselor Nick Formica were invited to attend the POSEC event at the University of Cincinnati. They served on a panel that was fielding questions from students, parents and guidance counselors from the Southern Ohio – Northern Kentucky area and answered questions that students with learning differences had about college.

A PESSIMIST SEES THE DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY; AN OPTIMIST SEES THE OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY."

## Attention Juniors and Seniors

The Workforce Recruitment Program for students with learning differences will take place on the campus of NDC interviewing ASC students on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer attached for information on how to apply and find your next summer job or full-time position! If you have any questions, please contact Marcie.

## NEOEA DAY 2009

Over 40 educators, guidance counselors and parents attended our annual NEOEA Day Workshop which was held on October 16th. This year our presenters were members of the ASC team, which made the workshop on "Transitioning Students into the World of Work" a very special event. Gretchen Walsh opened the program by giving a brief overview of the ASC and the grant from the Learning Disability Foundation of America that made possible our new Career Component. Shane Duncan and Marcie Estopp, our career coaches, presented their findings on the job search process, identifying values and skills related to careers, and interviewing techniques for job seekers with learning differences.

## Falcon Friends Event November 17



Join NDC's own Sue Lipiec as she guides you through a stress reliever art therapy session. With exams right around the corner, this is the perfect way to relax at least for a night, but will also let you leave with some methods to help ease the stress during exam week.

