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Important Dates to Remember:

- April 21 Transfer to Action
- April 22 Backpack to Briefcase
- April 23 Recognition Day
- April 29 All College Honors Convocation
- May 3-5 Exams
- May 8 Baccalaureate Commencement
- May 12 Read and Write Gold Seminar
- May 28 Grades Issued



FROM THE DESK OF GRETCHEN WALSH:

The long awaited spring has arrived and as the daylight hours increase, our thoughts turn to summer. As you make your summer plans, consider taking a course or completing your internship for college. We can help you with scheduling, selecting a class, or finding an internship. If you are taking classes at Notre Dame College over the summer and need the services of the ASC, please let us know, as we will be open. Additionally, the ASC will be offering our study skills class, the Summer Springboard to Success. If you feel that your study skills need improvement or if you would like to increase your GPA, join us for this 5-session class in July.

By now, you should have registered for fall, 2010. If you have not registered for the fall, please do so immediately. Having registered for next semester, your attention should be focused on final exams. Be sure to meet with Gina to review your testing schedule. Plan in advance for ASC appointments, completing papers, and studying for finals.

Lastly, the Academic Support Center and Notre Dame College, would like to recognize you for your achievements at our annual **Recognition Day!** This is truly the high point of the year and we hope that both your parents and you will be able to join us on **April 23rd** at **4:00** in the Performing Arts Center at Notre Dame College.



**The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.**

– Eleanor Roosevelt

ASC Peer Mentoring Launches for Spring Semester!

The ASC is bringing back the Peer Mentoring Program for the 2010 Spring Semester!

Who qualifies to be considered for a mentor position?

- Enrolled at Notre Dame College and the Academic Support Center
- Be of at least Sophomore Status (28 Credits or above)
- Be in good academic standing
- Desire to get to know other fellow ASC students who may want/need guidance
- Creativity, enthusiasm, and flexibility
- Ability to work independently
- Good communication skills



Benefits of being a ASC Peer Mentor

- Mentor a freshman ASC student!
- Enhance your leadership, teaching, and coaching skills
- Intrinsic satisfaction (makes you feel good) by helping other ASC members be successful!
- Get to know fellow ASC members!
- Participate in fun ASC events with your mentees!

Deadline to apply is April 30th. Students can pick up an application from Marcie Estep.

TEST TAKING TIPS

- Budget your time, make sure you have sufficient time to study so that you are well prepared for the test.
- Go to review sessions, pay attention to hints that the instructor may give about the test. Take notes and ask questions about items you may be confused about.
- Ask the instructor to specify the areas that will be emphasized on the test.
- Make sure you go to the class right before the test; it's another prime time for the instructor to give out more hints.
- Go over any material from practice tests, sample problems, review material, the textbook, class notes...
- Put the main ideas /information formulas onto a sheet that can be quickly reviewed many times. This makes it easier to retain the key concepts that will be on the test.
- Eat before a test. Having food in your stomach will give you energy and help you focus, but avoid heavy food which can make you groggy.
- Don't try to pull an all nighter. Get at least 3 hours of sleep before the test.
- Try to show up at least 5 minutes before the test will start.
- Set your alarm and have a backup alarm set as well.
- Go to the bathroom before walking into the exam room. You don't want to waste any time worrying about your bodily needs during the test.

**Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined.**

– Henry David Thoreau

ASC ON CAMPUS

“The Laramie Project”

was presented by Notre Dame College, directed by Jacqui Lowey, and acted by the NDC faculty and student body. With 39 actors on stage, the story of Matthew Sheppard's death and the response of the city of Laramie is powerfully but simply told. This wonderful production featured the talents of many of our ASC students. Kevin S. and Dan E. took charge of the sound, while Ellen S. was a light operator. On stage, Pat A. and Billy B. did a superb job in their respective roles. Congratulations to all for work well done!

Kevin S. won 3rd place

in the Notre Dame College Poetry contest. His poem will be featured in **The Pivot**.

Lauren P. takes honorable mention in photography in the NDC juried art show – quite an accomplishment!

ASC Students also showed their community activist side by participating in Habit for Humanity projects across the United States. Two separate teams helped build homes in Kansas City and Florida. ASC members Mike K., Kevin S., Bobby D., Mackenzie B., Char C., David C. and Erin M. gave up their spring break to help families get the homes of their dreams.

Contest: Design the ASC official logo. This logo will be used on tee shirts and merchandise. The winner will be awarded a gift certificate to the bookstore and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.