



The SASC would like to personally welcome everyone back to NSU. We hope you had a good 2012 and are excited to have an even better 2013. This upcoming year will be very busy for the SASC. We are looking forward to serving you--our students, faculty and staff--in this New Year. Keep your eyes out for some great programs we have created for the students, faculty and staff. Some upcoming events will include Educational/ Career Travel to local companies. We will provide free transportation and entry fees for students who would like to participate. Other fun events include fashion shows, talent shows, free educational materials

and career guide books. The SASC staff will also be attending conferences throughout the year to become more knowledgeable in our four main areas of focus (Academic Consultation, Learning Assistance Programs, Career Counseling, and Outreach, Referral, and Follow-Up). We are excited to start 2013 with many programs and events and hope our students, faculty and staff take full advantage of them. Overall, we want to help you in any way we can to make 2013 a great year, please come see us or give us a call soon.

-SASC Team

MEET the TEAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission for the Student Academic Success Center at Northeastern State University is to create an environment where each individual student is positively embraced and develops the connections necessary to thrive in the college community and in life following graduation.



Director of the SASC

Dr. Jerrod P. Freeman is the Director of the Student Academic Success Center. He completed his bachelor's in Secondary mathematics, physics, and coaching from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, his masters at Bowling Green State University in College Student Personnel and his Doctorate at North Carolina State University. His passion lies in positively impacting the staff and students he interacts with and helping them reach their full potential and life goals.



Coordinator of Learning Assistance Programs

Kristal Soderstrom joined the Student Academic Success Center in June of 2012. Kristal is married with two step-children and three animals. She is originally from Texas, but spent most of her childhood in Bartlesville. She began her experience at NSU as a nontraditional student while completing her bachelor's degree in General Studies and master's degree in English Literature. She has been at NSU for over four years, either as a student, staff, or adjunct faculty. While Kristal enjoys teaching, her true joy is making a difference for students.



Coordinator of Career Counseling Services

Lauren Barela joined the Student Academic Success Center at Northeastern State University in May 2012. She moved here from Texas where she received her bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Science majoring in Fashion Merchandising with a minor in Business Administration from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Lauren spent 5 years in the hospitality industry before her move to higher education. She worked for an independent resort where she started as an event coordinator. She then joined Marriott as a sales manager and was promoted to Director of Sales and Marketing. Lauren is married to NSU football coach, Mike Barela and they live in Tahlequah, Okla.



Coordinator of Outreach, Referral, & Follow-Up

LaWanna Summers is a native of Tulsa and graduated from Northeastern State University with her Bachelor's in Business Administration in the summer of 2008. As an undergrad, LaWanna went from being an introvert to an extrovert due largely in part to involvement in campus events and organizations. Now as a professional, LaWanna would like to help current and future Riverhawks live the life they have imagined, gathering here at NSU and going even further through the services offered at the Student Academic Success Center.



Coordinator of Academic Consultation

Olaf Standley joined the Student Academic Success Center at Northeastern State University in June 2012 and is a graduate of Northeastern State University. He is originally from Amarillo, Texas, but spent the majority of his life in Tulsa. He began his college career as a nontraditional student at Tulsa Community College, and received both his bachelors and masters in English from NSU. Olaf was the student body president of the NSU-Broken Arrow campus during his undergrad and the President of the Graduate Student Association of the College of Liberal Arts during his graduate work. He is a guitarist and proud uncle.

SASC BIO

Northeastern State University approved a grant for the new Student Academic Success Center on October 1, 2011. The purpose of the SASC is to provide for initial and continuing multimodal contact with NSU's students in order to increase retention and graduation rates. The Center will also

serve as an information, referral and follow-up hub for all other academic and co-curricular service operations. The SASC became available to all NSU students at beginning of Fall 2012 semester and will remain accessible throughout their tenure at Northeastern State University.

Upcoming EVENTS



Jan. 24

The Tulsa Women's Conference is Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Tulsa. This conference will cover two different tracks. The first is professional growth and development, and the second is developing your inner power. There are ten information packed sessions offered between the two tracks. This conference will give our female students the opportunity to network with other high ranking professional women in surrounding areas and hear their success stories.



Feb. 6

Free Tickets To OKC Thunder Career Fair, Facilities Tour, & Game.

For more info contact Lauren Barela 918-444-3651.

Feb. 12 Career Fair 101 and Fashion Show



Feb. 19

Have You ever been interested in a career in health care? Want to work at a hospital, but not sure what opportunities exist? Pre health majors and Healthcare Administration Majors strongly encouraged to attend.

For more info contact LaWanna Summers at summerld@nsuok.edu or 918-444-3653.

March 27 SASC Student Appreciation Day



March 29

The SASC is sponsoring a trip to the Tulsa Zoo for a select number of Biology and Zoology students. This event will involve a behind the scenes guided tour of the Zoo, and a visit to the Tropical American Rain Forest exhibit. Dr. Craig Clifford will accompany the group to help answer questions.

For further information about educational trips, please contact the SASC at 918.444.3651

Free WEBINARS

The Student Academic Success Center occasionally will host webinars each semester. We encourage and invite the NSU community to register through our center for these free events.

Upcoming Webinars for Spring 2013:

Jan. 29- Student Motivation: Practical Strategies That Will Increase Engagement, Learning, & Retention

Feb. 5- Intrusive Academic Advising: An Effective Strategy To Increase Student Success Students

Feb. 13- Identify & Engaging Unprepared Students: Practical Strategies & Techniques For Today's College Classroom

March 1- The Top 10 Most Successful Student Retention Strategies (Part 1)

March 8- The Top 10 Most Successful Student Retention Strategies (Part 2)

If you are unable to attend the live webinar, please call or email our center at 918-444-3651/ sasc@nsuok.edu to receive the free recording of each topic. All webinars will be available via ITV to the Muskogee and Broken Arrow campuses. Evites will be sent out well in advance with time and location for each webinar.



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Academic CONSULTATION

Olaf Stadley: Coordinator of Academic Consultation

Northeastern State University is updating the way in which students are advised. Starting this semester, a new academic advising model will be implemented to ensure that students can always find the help they need. This new model will afford students multiple

advisors and advising opportunities so they cannot only receive help concerning their course selection and rotations, but they will also easily find the mentoring they need in the academic program they choose to pursue. We are excited to be a part of this new advising

model and know that it will help students be even more successful during their time at Northeastern. For any questions regarding the new academic advising model, please contact the Student Academic Success Center or First Year Experience.

Learning Assistance & TUTORING

Kristal Soderstrom: Coordinator of Learning Assistance Programs

SmarThinking, A New Way of Learning:

Tutoring update for SmarThinking:

There have been some new developments in tutoring with SmarThinking. First, there is a new student interface on the SmarThinking homepage. It includes all of the features included in the older interface, and will be easy to navigate. Second is a new product for Smarthinking called Writing Practice. With this tool, instructors select a prompt from one of four genres (narrative, persuasive, problem & solution, and response to literature) to assign to their students for practice, extra credit, or graded assignments. In addition to highlighting spelling and grammar problems, Smarthinking's Writing Practice provides critical pedagogical feedback using a rubric that addresses six aspects of writing (ideas, organization, conventions, sentence fluency, word choice, and voice).

NSU TUTORING SERVICES

Northeastern State University
offers the following services:

- Writing And Reading Tutoring (Tahlequah & BA)
- Peer-Assisted Study Sessions (Pass)
- Math Tutoring
- Communication Tutoring
- Science & Health Professions Tutoring
- Library Tutoring

For More Information On All Of These Services,
visit www.nsuok.edu/success



Online Tutoring: Anywhere, Anytime

Math, Bilingual Math, Introductory Anatomy & Physiology, Biology Organic Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Finance, Accounting, Statistics, Spanish, Writing and More.

Follow These Steps To Get Started:

1. Login To Blackboard And Click On Any Course For Which You Are Enrolled.
2. Click On The "Tools" Tab.
3. Click On The Smarthinking Tab (Make Sure Cookies/Javascript Are Enabled & Disable Pop-Up Blockers).

Career SERVICES

Lauren Barela: Coordinator of Career Counseling Services

As the 2013 spring semester starts, there are many valuable career readiness opportunities for students who are seeking help with their resumes, interviewing skills, finding their strengths and talents, finding internships and jobs, and getting involved with on campus organizations.

Upcoming Career Events for Spring 2013:

Ship off to Internships & Resumania:

Tips on creating a professional resume and obtaining an internship

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013

Location: Tahlequah Campus (ITV to Broken Arrow)

Time: 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013

Location: Broken Arrow Campus (ITV to Tahlequah)

Time: 2 p.m.

Career Fair 101 & Fashion Show:

Learn what to expect and how to dress for the Career & Graduate School Fair

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013

Location: Tahlequah

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Career Fair 101 & How to Dress Info Session:

An information session on what to expect and how to dress for the Career & Graduate School Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

Location: Broken Arrow

Time: TBA

Career & Graduate School Fair for all majors

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013

Location: Tahlequah Campus University Center, 2nd Floor, Senator Herb Rozell Ballroom 600 N. Grand Ave.

Tahlequah, OK 74464

Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Get That Interview:

Interviewing tips

Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2013

Location/Time: Broken Arrow Campus (ITV to Tahlequah) 2 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 28, 2013

Location/Time: Tahlequah Campus (ITV to Broken Arrow) 2 p.m.

Tulsa Collegiate Job Fair

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Location: University of Tulsa Donald W. Reynolds Center

Time: 1p.m. to 4 p.m.

Smart Talking and Dining Info Session:

An info session on networking and dining etiquette

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Location: Broken Arrow

Time: TBA

Smart Talking and Dining:

Networking & Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Location: Tahlequah

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Teacher Job Fair

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Location: Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Bldg, 2nd Floor, Banquet Hall Open Forum: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VIP Party:

Food, Fun, and Prizes for students who attend a minimum of 3 Career Services Spring 2013 Events

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Location: Tahlequah & Broken Arrow

Time: TBA

Graduation Party: A

celebration for May 2013 NSU Grads! Includes Food, Fun, and Prizes!

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Location/Time:

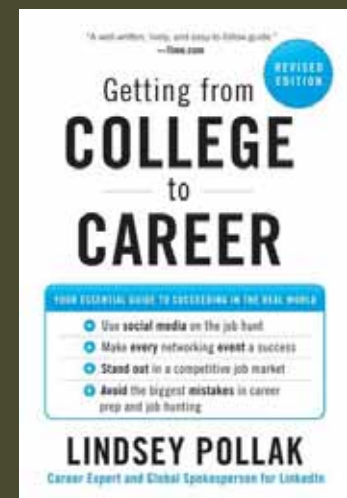
Tahlequah/10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Broken Arrow: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

send your student to college—not to just become a your student will have a successful career!

For additional information call Career Services at 918-444-3110 or email careerservices@nsuok.edu

www.nsuok.edu/careerservices



Get ready for the REAL world with this helpful guide to life after graduation.

Free copies are available to all NSU students at the SASC office in the library.

Outreach, Referral & FOLLOW-UP

LaWanna Summers; Coordinator of Outreach, Referral, and Follow-Up


Greetings RiverHawks!

The Student Academic Success Center is excited to welcome you back to Northeastern this spring semester. In this edition of the SASC Newsletter we wanted to let you know about some of the ways that we are providing outreach, referral and follow-up services at NSU. In the second semester that the SASC is open we are increasing our presence on and off campus through programming, advising and travel.

This semester we have gone off campus to companies that may be relevant to your students' career choice. We will be providing educational travel to students that we have served and are serving, free of charge. Some of the companies or organizations that have already made the agenda are: Tulsa Women's Conference, the Oklahoma Thunder and St. John's Hospital. You will read more about these individual events throughout the newsletter. There are many more educational travel opportunities to come and all you need to do is come visit the Student Academic Success Center for any of our services and make sure to sign up for the trip. Also the SASC is reaching out to more NSU faculty this semester advertising MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible retention intervention software) so that students may receive the assistance that they need before it is too late. Coordinators at the SASC will continue to respond to the referrals that they receive through MAP-Works and will provide the early interventions necessary; whether they are academic, personal or financially related; the SASC is here to make sure that students are aware of the many services already available on campus to help them be successful. In addition to responding to referrals and submitting referrals to other offices on campus the SASC follows up with students, faculty and staff whenever they use our services. Beyond the fact that reporting is a

big part of a grant program and follow-up helps this, it is important to the SASC staff that we are providing the best possible service for all parties. By following up with individuals we are able to ensure that students, staff and faculty truly do "Gather here and Succeed Everywhere."

If there is anything that you need help with, we at the SASC are here to help. We act as a central information hub to all of the other wonderful services that are readily available on campus. In the event you are unsure of where, when or how to locate these campus services we are glad to help. You can find us in our new location at the John Vaughan Library on the 1st floor, call us at 918-444-3651, email us at sasc@nsuok.edu or visit our website at www.nsuok.edu/success



MAP-Works
Making Achievement Possible

WHAT IS MAP-WORKS?
MAP-Works is your customized resource guide for NSU success.

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?
Your completed MAP-Works survey will provide you with an extensive, personalized report highlighting:



- » How you meet your expectations
- » What your peers are thinking
- » Which areas you are strong or weak
- » How to be more successful in college


HOW DO I GET STARTED?
If you're a freshman or sophomore who has taken university strategies between fall 2011 and now, remember to check your email for the MAP-Works survey.

QUESTIONS?
Drop by the Student Academic Success Center to discuss your survey report any time. We're here to help.

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student.map-works.com

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TIP of the QUARTER



"It is not about making sure everything goes perfectly, it is about knowing how to get back up and do it again and better the next time. We will all fail at some point and overcoming the adversity that life places before you is the true sign of someone who is successful!"

- Dr. Jerrid P. Freeman

STUDENT APPRECIATION EVENT

The SASC appreciates the students who have utilized our services, resources and met with our Coordinators. We will be hosting quarterly events to show our appreciation. Thanks to all who came out during our November 2012 appreciation event. Feel free to drop by the center and stay posted for information on the next student appreciation event.



UPCOMING EVENT OVERVIEW

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Holiday - No classes

Jan. 23: Last Date to Withdraw from any 16 Week Class and Receive a Refund

Jan. 24: Tulsa Women's Conference, Transportation provided by SASC

Feb. 6: OKC Thunder Career Fair, Operations and Facility Tour, and game

Feb. 19: St. John's Hospital tour and career opportunities

Feb. 21: Community and Collaboration Day, no classes

March 1: Applications for Summer Graduation (Bachelor's and Master's Degree) Due

March 18-22: Spring Break

March 27: SASC Student Appreciation Day

March 29: Zoo Trip

April 12: Last Day to Drop Sixteen Week Classes with a "W" (short term classes are pro-rated at 3/4 time from start of class)

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