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"ADVISING: OUR PASSION. YOUR SUCCESS: OUR REWARD"

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Tips to Survive Finals Week!

FIND OUT WHEN YOUR FINAL EXAMS ARE FOR EACH CLASS

Your finals schedule is most likely different from your regular semester schedule. Now is a great time to find out when your final exams are.

[Click here for the final exam schedule!](#)

MAKE A STUDY SCHEDULE (AND STICK TO IT!)

Avoid all night cramming sessions by making a study schedule and sticking to it. Spacing out study sessions and focusing on more effective techniques like quizzing yourself or getting a study group together can help you study smarter, not harder.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Taking care of yourself is especially important during finals week. Don't forget to set aside time for study breaks, meals, and sleep! It's easy to forget to make time for yourself - stay hydrated by drinking lots of water! Surviving on coffee and energy drinks can lead to increased stress levels.

BEFORE YOU GO HOME FOR THE SUMMER...

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR

Fall 2023

BEFORE THE SEMESTER IS OVER!

**NEED HELP REGISTERING ONLINE?
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

PLAN IT FORWARD... SET UP YOUR PAYMENT PLAN TODAY!

UAFS requires payment of semester charges by 12 p.m. on the Friday prior to the start of each semester. Set up a payment plan or pay in full using the Student Online Business Center account.

****Payment plans are not available for summer courses****

SUMMER PAYMENT DEADLINE:

JUNE 2, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

FALL PAYMENT DEADLINE:

AUGUST 18, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

[Set Up Your Payment Plan!](#)

Faculty Advisor Spotlight:

DR. JORDAN MADER

Associate Professor of Chemistry

Your Philosophy on Faculty Advising for Student Success

I think students know best how to achieve their goals. They are usually familiar with their degree plans, and I think of myself as a facilitator for their success. I start every advising session with a short conversation of their academic goals and career goals and suggest things they should be working on both in and out of the classroom to meet those goals. If I can reach out to any of my contacts and help students achieve their goals, I am happy to do it. I usually have a list of classes that I suggest students take and my advisees come with a list of classes that they think they should take, and we discuss any discrepancies. As students progress through their degree, I can help guide them in the type and order of classes to take, since I have an in-depth knowledge of when we will offer our "irregular" classes and which special topics will be coming up in the next few semesters. I also really enjoy helping students find classes for their minors or electives that will help them in their future goals, such as taking Criminal Justice classes if a student has an interest in forensics.

Describe your Passion for Advising Students

I like to think of advising as my chance to check in on student progress and help with any barriers to success. It's my goal to keep registration and class selection from being the barrier that students need to move forward with their degrees. I am happy to request overrides, track down time conflict or registration errors (with help from the CAS Advisors and Dre', of course!), or work out alternative plans on the fly during registration week if a class fills up quickly. I often meet with students over the summer as plans change or update. I try to be available to meet with my advisees more than once, if they need a follow up, whether in person, over email, or via Zoom. I enjoy helping students find electives that meet their passions and aren't required for their major, so that they can explore areas of intellectual curiosity.



Your Advice for Students

Practically speaking, students should know their degree plans and the resources available to them. Make sure you understand your financial aid and how many hours you need to take each semester or academic year to continue to receive aid. Make sure you know the pre-reqs and order you should take your classes in, and let your advisor guide you to which semesters those courses are being offered so you can take everything in the correct sequence. Be honest about your responsibilities and time requirements outside of your courses so that you can plan the best path to success with your advisor. Know where to go if you need help and don't hesitate to reach out - we want to help you! Good places to start are office hours with your professors, the Academic Success Center, the Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Dean of Students office, your advisor, and your support group of friends or family. Instead of being glued to your phone before class starts, chat with the people around you to build a study group that could expand your social circle and improve your understanding of course material. Put your phone away during class and try to engage with the material every day to make it easier to learn. Lastly, read your syllabi! They contain the answers to so many questions that students ask about course policies, etc. and faculty spend a considerable amount of time writing them specifically to provide clear guidance to students about their courses.

Your Interests and Hobbies

I love to read science fiction and fantasy in my limited free time during the semester. I listen to a lot of podcasts and audiobooks from various genres. I like to hike, rock climb, and occasionally play trivia or have a board game night. I have a bad habit of binge-watching cheesy sci-fi or fantasy shows on Netflix when I have downtime during the summer. I enjoy cooking, as most chemists do, but not baking, since I am not an analytical chemist. I spend more of my free time than I probably should playing The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild and I am looking forward to the release of The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom on May 12, which coincides conveniently with the last day of finals.

College of Arts & Sciences Senior Spotlight

*A special farewell
to one of our own...*

TORY SUTTON

MAJOR: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES ADVISING ASSISTANT

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF!

VICE PRESIDENT OF HMONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOBBIES INCLUDE: TENNIS, COOKING/BAKING, DRAWING, MARTIAL ARTS

WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED MOST ABOUT WORKING IN THE CAS ADVISING CENTER?

I HAVE WORKED AS AN ADVISING ASSISTANT HERE FOR 3 AND A HALF YEARS. I STARTED BECAUSE I STILL WANTED TO WORK WHILE GOING TO SCHOOL. THE POSITION OFFERED ON CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ADVISING EXPERIENCE AT UAFS.

MY ADVISING EXPERIENCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN POSITIVE. I HAVE NOT WORKED UNDER A SINGLE ADVISOR THAT I DID NOT RESPECT. I'VE ALSO GAINED A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FACULTY AND ASSISTING STUDENTS. IT HAS PROVIDED ME WITH USEFUL SKILLS IN COMMUNICATION WITH FUTURE EMPLOYERS.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

MY PLANS AFTER GRADUATION ARE TO CONTINUE ON WITH GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE. I PLAN TO RESEARCH PACKAGING FOR ADVANCED RADAR SYSTEMS.



MATTI YOUNGBLOOD

MAJOR: GRAPHIC DESIGN

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

I WILL BE GOING INTO THE WORKFORCE IN THE GRAPHIC DESIGN FIELD. I WILL BE WORKING AS AN IN HOUSE DESIGNER IN THE AREA WHILE ALSO BUILDING UP MY FREELANCE WORK TO ONE DAY TRANSITION INTO STARTING MY OWN DESIGN STUDIO.

WHAT WAS YOUR ADVISING EXPERIENCE WAS LIKE HERE AT UAFS?

EVEN FROM MY FIRST YEAR ADVISING, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE. THE STAFF WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS AND FLEXIBILITY OF MY DEGREE PLAN. THEY WERE ALWAYS QUICK TO HELP, EVEN IF I WASN'T ONE OF THEIR ADVISEES, BECAUSE THEY WANT TO SEE STUDENTS SUCCEED AND HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING SO.

HOW YOUR TIME HAS BEEN HERE AT UAFS? WHAT WERE THE BEST PARTS OF BEING A LION?

I HAVE LOVED MY TIME AS A LION. THE BEST PARTS HAVE BEEN GETTING INVOLVED ON CAMPUS THROUGH CUB CAMP AND CHI ALPHA. MAKING FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE ON CAMPUS, WHETHER THEY ARE STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR STAFF, HAS MADE A HUGE IMPACT AND I AM LEAVING UAFS WITH MANY MEMORIES AND FRIENDS THAT I'LL HOLD FOREVER.



PAYTON KARR

MAJOR: GEOSCIENCE
CONCENTRATION: ENVIRONMENTAL
MINOR: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

AFTER GRADUATION, I WILL BE MOVING TO DALLAS, TEXAS, AND WILL BE A GIS PROFESSIONAL WITH DEWBERRY.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

MY ADVISING EXPERIENCE AT UAFS WAS AMAZING. I LIKE TO PRE-PLAN MY SCHEDULE AND WHEN I WENT TO MY ADVISING APPOINTMENTS MY ADVISOR WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MY SEMESTER AND MAKE SURE I HAD THE CORRECT CLASSES NEEDED TO GRADUATE.

HOW YOUR TIME HAS BEEN HERE AT UAFS? WHAT WERE THE BEST PARTS OF BEING A LION?

MY TIME AT UAFS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES. MY FAVORITE PART OF BEING A LION HAS BEEN BEING A PART OF THE GEOSCIENCE PROGRAM. THE STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, AND CLASSES WITHIN THE GEOSCIENCE DEPARTMENT HAVE MADE MY TIME HERE SPECIAL.

