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First Mate – Josh Whitlock

First Mate is a new program at ETSU which allows students to give chosen access to parents, spouse, etc.

Once the student sets up the access the “First Mate” will have view access only for financial and academic information. The student is in full control of what, and when, they are allowed to view the information online through the First Mate interface.

Once this system is online it will replace the Partners in Education, Bursar and Financial Aid forms that was used to allow access to records.

Faculty and staff can view in INB screen name GPAPRXY to see the pass phrase that the parent, spouse, etc., must have in order to give information.
Additional questions about First Mate? Send an email to firstmate@etsu.edu

**Transfer Works – Valerie Higgins**

For those students that are interested in coming to ETSU can use this new site to see how the academic credits earned at other institutions can be used to earn a degree at ETSU.

Please see Transfer Works website for more information.

**TRIO Programs – Ronnie Gross**

The TRIO Programs are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects.

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Student Support Services program helps students to stay in college until they ultimately earn their baccalaureate degree. Participants receive free tutoring, career and personal counseling, academic advising, mentoring, and college survival skills. Students in the Student Support Services program are more than TWICE as likely to remain in college as those students from similar backgrounds who do not participate in the program.

**RONALD E. MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT**

Ronald R. McNair programs encourage low-income and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching/research as well as prepare them for doctoral study. Named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion, students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. About 100 programs currently serve 3,300 students.

**UPWARD BOUND**

Upward Bound helps high school students prepare for higher education. Participants receive instruction in literature, foreign languages, composition, mathematics and science on college campuses and in the summer. Students in the Upward Bound program are FOUR times more likely to earn an undergraduate degree than those students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRIO.

**EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH**

Talent Search is an early intervention program, which encourages middle and high school participants to complete secondary and post-secondary education programs. Participants receive information regarding career exploration, college exploration and financial aid assistance.

**VETERANS UPWARD BOUND**
The goal of Veterans Upward Bound is to provide academic services that allow and encourage veterans to be successful when entering a post-secondary education program that leads to graduation. Participants receive instruction in GED preparation and/or instruction in literature, foreign languages, composition, mathematics and science.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is a free TRIO program designed to assist 1000 adults in obtaining a GED and/or with college or vocational school enrollment. EOC staff assists participants with determination of educational goals, academic assistance, completion of college admission and financial aid applications, college adjustment concerns and career exploration. The program is for anyone who does not already have a four-year degree. The program can even continue to assist students after they have begun college coursework.

Please call 439-5619 with any questions.

Undeclared Focus Areas

Per TBR those students that choose undeclared as their “major” will now have to select a Focus Area.

Those areas are as follows:

- Applied Science
- Art
- Business
- Education
- Health Professions
- STEM
- Social Sciences
- General Education

These sections will be coded with a Y in the rubric.

More information on this to follow.

15 to Finish

15 to Finish Initiative encourages students to take 15 credits per semester. The initiative is geared towards helping students graduate within a reasonable time. Students can use the plan function in Degree Works to see how 15 credits per semester will affect a graduation date. A video is available for more information http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/

Orientation Information

Carter Warden is filling in for Heather Levesque while she is on maternity leave. Please contact Carter with any orientation questions.
New Undergraduate Dean’s List Policy

Dean’s list requirement change. Student must be enrolled at full time (12 credit hours) with no grade lower than B- and must have 3.5 GPA.

TN Transfer Pathways

If transferring from a TBR Community College, a Tennessee Transfer Pathway will offer the student an opportunity to transition more easily.

The Tennessee Transfer Pathways are advising tools designed to help community college students plan for transferring to a Tennessee public university to complete their baccalaureate degree. The TTPs also constitute an agreement between community colleges and four year colleges/universities confirming that community college courses meet major preparation requirements. Please see http://admissions.etsu.edu/apply/transfer/pathway.html for more information.