Buccaneer families,

From all of the students at ETSU, we want to welcome you to the Buccaneer Family! As parents/ family members of our students, you play a crucial role in supporting our new Bucs. We want to encourage you to embolden your students to stay involved on campus. Upon coming to campus around two years ago, I quickly found that ETSU provides an environment for students to be involved in leadership and community service opportunities as soon as they arrive to campus. Whether that includes joining one of our 250+ student groups, taking part in undergraduate research, or cheering on one of our athletic programs, we want you to know that here at ETSU, there is a place and opportunity for everyone to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Thank you for everything you do for ETSU!

GO BUCS!

Alex Cassell
2015-16 SGA President
Join East Tennessee State University’s Office of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) October 30th – November 1st for a wonderful, fun-filled weekend on campus during one of East Tennessee’s most beautiful seasons. We have a variety of campus and community events available for you and your student to choose from. Join us for a welcome reception Friday evening, a tailgate on Saturday, and finally a brunch on Sunday with our First Lady, Donna Noland.

Family Weekend allows you to visit your student, stay connected to ETSU, and explore all that Johnson City has to offer. If you are a member of the Buccaneer Family Association (BFA), don’t forget to use your BFA Card for great discounts on food, hotels, and your Family Weekend registration! Membership in the Buccaneer Family provides families with a network of staff and parents to support and assist them, frequent newsletters/emails that contain pertinent campus information, family weekend, athletic and special event discounts, a dedicated phone line, a discount card to be used at local businesses, and a Buccaneer Family packet.

Visit the Family Weekend website to register. Registration is required and is available online through October 24. Family Weekend participants will receive t-shirts, nametags, welcome bags, as well as tickets to the selected events or meals for which they register. You can register for just one event or for the entire weekend.

“This is an opportunity for parents and family members to connect with and share in your student’s ETSU experience and to celebrate all that makes East Tennessee State University such a special place”.

Heather Levesque,
Director, New Student & Family Programs
ADVISEMENT INFORMATION

Advisement required: All students have an advisor and should confer with their advisor each semester. In fact, ETSU requires most students consult with an advisor before registering each semester. The following students must be advised before they are able to register each semester:

- All students who have less than 60 earned credits are required
- Students who have not declared a major
- Students required to complete Learning Support (in Reading or Writing) are required to see an advisor in the University Advisement Center located in the Advisement Resources Career Center (ARC) located on the 2nd level of the D.P. Culp Center (423-439-5244). *Note: students who are only required to take Learning Support in Math will be advised by their major advisor.

These guidelines are the minimum advisement requirements. Some colleges and departments may have additional advisement requirements. Students should consult with their academic department or advisor to determine their advisement requirements.

SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for Spring begins Monday, November 9th

Registration times are based off earned credit hours. Students can view their Registration Status in Goldlink to find their first available registration time.

Registration for Spring semesters occurs in November, and registration for Summer and Fall semesters occurs in April. If your student is required to participate in academic advisement, they must meet with their advisor and have their advisement hold removed prior to registration.

WINTER SESSION COURSES

ETSU Winter Session is a great opportunity for your student to complete a course online between the Fall and Spring semesters. This year, ETSU Winter Session begins Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 and ends Friday, January 15th, 2016. The Winter Session schedule is now available to review and is listed within the Spring 2016 course schedule in Goldlink.

EARLY SEMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS (ESPR)

ETSU has successfully used the Early Semester Progress Report (ESPR) for almost 20 years to help our undergraduate students succeed in their courses and stay in college. The ESPR gives students a snapshot of their academic standing approximately midway in the semester, while they can still use this feedback to improve. Academic advisors use the ESPR to identify students who are performing poorly, then call or email them to offer assistance or referrals.
Academic Alert

BUC PATH ACADEMIC ALERT

How the Buc Path Academic Alert Program Can Help Your Student Succeed

Academic Alert is a student performance monitoring system that helps with early identification of students who have been identified by a faculty member as at-risk in a class allowing advisors and counselors to offer assistance when it’s needed most. Faculty can send an “alert”, at any point in the semester. The student’s academic advisor then emails the student to inform them they have received an alert. If a student receives an Academic Alert, they should immediately contact their academic advisor.

Top reasons why faculty send an Academic Alert to a student:

- Not attending class or excessive absences
- Low grades on tests and/or assignments
- Student does not own a textbook and is not keeping up with assigned reading
- Not turning in assignments
- Poor grammar and writing skills
- Not preparing for class
- Not participating in class or other issues with classroom behavior

What Can Parents Do?

- Ask your student if they have received an Academic Alert (alerts are sent to the student’s Goldmail account beginning the 3rd week of classes and may continue throughout the semester).
- Talk with your students about their classes – do they know their assignment due dates and other course expectations (like attending class).
- Make sure that your student’s contact information is correct in Goldlink. Incorrect contact information decreases our ability to reach out to your student.

“Academic Alert is a team effort that encourages faculty, staff, and students to work together as a community to improve student success and retention through graduation. We are striving to guide and support students to engage in timely, success-promoting behaviors as they begin their college experience.” Dr. Joe Sherlin, Vice Provost and Dean of Students.

Degree Works is an academic advising and degree audit tool that helps advisors and students track their degree progress in real-time!

Fully integrated with GoldLink, Degree Works gives students an up-to-date, play-by-play of courses taken and courses needed to help them plan and complete their degree) on time!

“What If...” scenarios, allow students to experiment with changing majors or degree plans.
Campus Safety

Commitment to Campus Safety

ETSU is committed to assisting all members of the University community in providing for their own safety and security. The annual security and fire safety compliance document is available on the ETSU Safety website.

Envision a Violence Free ETSU
ETSU is dedicated to maintaining an environment which is safe and supportive of its students and employees where relationships are built on honesty, integrity, and trust. The university's goal for the campus community is clear: Bystanders have a positive, moral obligation to take any reasonable and prudent action they can to prevent or stop an act of sexual misconduct from taking place.

Think, Live, Respect — Bystander Intervention
One aspect of ETSU's Think, Live Respect Initiative is how bystanders can respond to instances of harmful or violent words, actions, or behaviors. When you observe conflict or unacceptable behavior, take steps to make a difference: assess the situation, evaluate options, and select a strategy for response.

ETSU GoldAlert
ETSU encourages students to sign up for GoldAlert in order to receive emergency text messaging. GoldAlert is one way the university might communicate with the campus in the event of an emergency; campus sirens might also sound with announcements and you could receive an email. Campus Safety Notices are shared via email to alert the community of reported Clery crimes and to share safety tips.

Haven Training
ETSU is committed to responding to and to preventing all forms of sexual misconduct. All new students must complete the online Haven training at the beginning of their first semester. Links and instructions were sent to your student’s Goldmail account around a month prior to matriculation.
Tutoring Services

TUTORING SERVICES

Center for Academic Achievement (CFAA)

Located on the first floor of the Sherrod Library, the Center for Academic Achievement (CFAA) is the home of Learning Services (Tutoring), Testing Services, and the Office of Assessment. The mission of the CFAA is to present students with opportunities to learn and demonstrate their learning in a secure and supportive environment that encourages creative thinking, collaborative learning, and self-direction.

The CFAA is the place for students to go for help with:
- writing and speaking
- mathematics
- natural sciences
- general education courses
- and many other subjects

The Learning Blog – Academic Resources

Student Support Services

Student Support Services (SSS), a federally funded TRiO program, offers free tutoring as well as other types of academic support to students who qualify for the program.

In order to be eligible for tutoring and other services through SSS, a student with academic need must be working on their first Bachelor's Degree, attend ETSU and be a U.S. citizen (or receiving federal funds to attend college). Students must also meet one of the following criteria:

- First generation (neither parent has completed a four-year degree program)
- Income eligible
- Documented disability

If you think you qualify, please stop by our office on the 3rd floor of the D.P. Culp Center or call 423.439.5396 for more information.
SORC Student Organization of the Month

What is the SORC? Pronounced “SOURCE”, this unit in the Division of Student Affairs is just that, a source for all student involvement needs.

This Month's Highlighted Organization:
The Well

The Well worship gathering meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9pm at Grace Fellowship Church. At these gatherings, hundreds of college students from a variety of local colleges and universities gather for an experience where teaching, worship and music come together to help bring life and faith into focus. Most of the other Wednesday nights, we have special events and outreaches planned for students. Check out the website for detailed info on the purpose behind this ministry.

Encourage your student to Get Involved!
There are so many clubs and organizations on campus that your student is bound to find one that fits their needs. From Greek Life to the Quidditch Team with every club in between. Send your student over to the BucHub at the SORC to find a list of all of the Student Organizations ETSU has to offer.

Emerging Leaders Academy Informational Session

Emerging Leaders Academy is an eight-week program designed for students that have not held a leadership position on campus but are interested in getting involved.
October 19, 2015 – 5:00-7:00pm
DP Culp Center, Forum (3rd floor)

ELA takes place in the Spring 2016 semester from January-March.

For more information, click here www.etsu.edu/lead.
GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIRS

ETSU HEALTH PROFESSIONS RECRUITMENT FAIR

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Location: ETSU D.P. Culp Center, 3rd floor, Ballroom

Health-related professional schools from across the region will be present to network with students and advisors about their programs.

Representatives have been invited from the following programs:

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For more information, please contact the Medical Professions Advisement Office at 423-439-5602 or HLTHPROFRECRUIT@etsu.edu.

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2015 FALL CAREER AND GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Time: 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: ETSU D.P. Culp Center, 3rd floor, Ballroom

Students/Alumni: For disability accommodations, call the ETSU Office of Disabilities Services at 423-439-8346. Requests for sign language interpreters should be made by prior to event.

For more information, please contact Ruth Wilbanks at wilbanks@etsu.edu
WEEKEND EVENTS

ETSU Voice Competition
Saturday, October 24
7:00 p.m., Culp Auditorium
Sponsored by Black Affairs Association

Come and enjoy the diverse talents in the campus showcasing their voice to be one of the finalists in the ETSU Voice competition. A winner, first and second runner-up will be chosen from the finalists. Who will be the third ETSU Voice?

Freaky Fright Fest Weekend, October 30-31

Friday, October 30:  RHA Haunted House
7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m., Carter Hall

Friday, October 30:   Free Interactive Movie:  Rocky Horror Picture Show
8:30 p.m., Cave Patio
Sponsored by Buctainment
Check out all of this semester’s on campus weekend events!

SGA Fall Major Event Weekend, November 6-7

Saturday, November 7:  SGA Major Concert:  LUPE FIASCO with special guest Austin Brown
7:30 p.m., Freedom Hall
Visit www.etsu.edu/sga for tickets and information.
ETSU Basketball Promotional Events

Holding Court ... Brooks Edition

When: Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.
Where: Brooks Gym
Price: Free to the public
Details: The ETSU women’s basketball team will host this special interactive practice session, and fans are encouraged to wear athletic shoes and attire so they can participate with the team on the Brooks Gym floor. In addition, the first 400 fans to arrive will be treated to free pizza and drinks. Fans will also have a chance to receive free “Gold Standard” T-shirts courtesy of Johnson City Honda.

Bluenanza

When: Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.
Where: Brooks Gym
Price: Free to the public
Details: The annual hoops celebration event – Bluenanza presented by Johnson City Honda – will feature both the Buccaneer men’s and women’s basketball teams in traditional 3-point shooting contests, dunk exhibitions, and intra-squad scrimmages. Fans will get to hear from coaches Steve Forbes and Brittney Ezell about their teams and their expectations for the upcoming season. This will be the first opportunity to see both teams together at the same time and on the same floor.

Holding Court 3.0

When: Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. cocktail hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m.
Where: ETSU/MSHA Athletic Center/Gordon Ball Court
Price: $50 per person
Details: This special “pasta and practice” event will feature food and drinks for those in attendance, as well as an opportunity to watch the men’s basketball team participate in a special closed practice. In addition, an exclusive auction will also be held that evening, giving fans access to one-of-a-kind ETSU basketball merchandise and experiences. For tickets, call 423-439-4738 or e-mail Jo Anne Paty.

For more on ETSU men’s and women’s basketball throughout the 2015-16 season, visit ETSUBucs.com and click on the basketball links.
Important Academic Dates

Oct. 12: Last day to drop a course with a 'W' grade w/o dean's permission
Nov. 9: Registration for Spring 2016 by appointment begins
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
Nov. 26 – 27: Thanksgiving Break (university closed)
Dec. 1: Last day to withdraw from the university (by 4:30 pm EST)
Dec. 3: Last day of classes
Dec. 5 – 10: Final Exams – Final Exam Schedule
Dec. 12: Commencement Ceremonies

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS
Division of Student Affairs
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Contact us:
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Stay connected—look for the Spring Parent Pride Newsletter in April