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SCHOLARSHIP STAR OF THE MONTH



Chuck Becker Of Sigma Nu

For always volunteering to do extra tasks as a scholarship chair.

The Academia

THE GREEK SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTION

On Friday, November 9, over 170 undergraduate Greek students gathered in Schmitt lecture hall during Case's community hour for the fall semester's Faculty Forum, an event that brings together faculty and students to debate and discuss a current topic relative to the entire Case Western Reserve community. This semester's topic was university and community relations and asked students and a panel to address whether students feel like they belong solely to the Case community or whether they feel their education comes in part from the greater Cleveland community with its plethora of resources.

The forum was moderated by Cyrus Taylor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The faculty/ student panel included Janice Eatman Williams, Assitant Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Learning; Arthur Hucklebridge, professor of Civil Engineering; James Lalumandier, assistant professor and chair of community dentistry at the School of Dentistry; and David Bernholt, a third- year undergraduate student and founder of the CHOW organization on campus.

Taylor prompted both the panel and audience with questions, and discussion branched off into other relevant topics. Issues brought to the forefront were the economic state of the city, particularly the areas surrounding Case's campus; one student vocalized that she wouldn't mind living in Cleveland after graduation but would be concerned about her safety, and Williams mentioned that crime happens when a large number of people are not able to access a base level of economic comfort and that students should reach out to help alleviate some of the disparity. Experiential learning requirements within the different colleges was mentioned, with only three students raising their hands to say that they had experiential learning requirements for their major (nursing and music education). Students questioned why a few majors had to do this and not others when there are definitely opportunities for classes in all disciplines to focus more on connecting with Cleveland. SAGES was mentioned as a place for students to have these experiences.

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BALANCING SCHOOLWORK AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

By Charles Becker, Sigma Nu

Here at Case, it is a well known fact that only half of what is learned is in the classroom. As the world's most powerful learning environment, there are many opportunities for students to learn through experience. The amount of schoolwork often assigned by professors however can be a hindrance to students getting a chance to experience things other than the classroom. This leads to another outside the classroom experience: balance.

With taking on other obligations, students have to learn to balance everything. The first step in that is time management. Knowing when you can get assignments completed is the easiest step to increasing productivity. Set aside blocks of time between meetings for study and homework. If you have meetings in different buildings with some time in between, find a quiet place in between the two buildings to study. For the over-involved, utilizing every hour is key.

Another important key to success is removing all distractions while studying. With less time for studying, one has to be more efficient. Turn off the TV and distracting music, or go

STUDY TIPS FOR THE BUSY CASE STUDENT

By Stephen Ball & Brain Chen, Lambda Chi Alpha

College can be a stressful time academically, but it can also be a lot of fun. Being a part of Greek Life on campus encourages us to better ourselves within our own organizations and within our classes. Since we are in college, academics is a major concern for many of us. Not only should we take a proactive membership in our own chapters, but we should also make sure to be proactive in our studies.

Some of the biggest causes of stress, unhappiness, lost sleep, and midnight munchies are tests. Whether they be 10:30am Thermo exams or 8:00am Biochemistry exams, many students find it frustrating to have to pull an all-nighter alone for an exam only to end up getting a low grade afterwards. However, as Greek students on campus, our school holds us up to high academic standards and sometimes, it can be difficult to balance personal lives with academic obligations. Thankfully, there are many ways to successfully go about your collegiate studies, with a few pointers explained below.

Time. Are you having problems with time management? Keeping a schedule at hand is a great way to visually plan out your semester. It doesn't matter what kind of scheduler that you keep on hand, so long as there is a time frame for work to get done. Having a very detailed schedule down to the exact minutes may work for some people, but even keeping a generalized plan with priorities can help with your studies as well. Of course, you could pull an all-nighter to complete your work for the next day, but it is much easier to spread it out along a week's worth of time or even gradually along a semester. Not only will this be less stressful on your sleep schedule, but it will help with remembering the class material in the long run. This is especially useful with finals which may be cumulative and real life applications of your field of study.

Friends. Are you working alone, and feeling like you are not getting anywhere with your studies? For especially difficult exams, it could be helpful to have a study buddy or even a study group if that's your style. Perhaps there are even brothers/sisters in your Greek organization who are taking or have taken some of your classes and are willing to help. Sometimes, it is not easy to keep studying a certain subject for a long period of time without getting distracted by email, TV, games, etc. However, a good study buddy or group can help keep you focused and on task. Many students also find that being able to teach to a fellow classmate helps reinforce their understanding of the study material. Going along with this, you may have questions about your class notes, to which another person might have the answers. Plus, there may actually be flaws in your understanding, which you yourself might not notice otherwise.

Professors. Are there some questions or material that neither you nor your classmates fully understand? Going to your professor's office hours or emailing him/her might be a good start. Even though it may seem that some professors are more distanced or reserved, part of their job is to effectively teach the material to their students. Sometimes, it could also be easier to follow the material one-on-one with your professor or with a TA. Remember, in the end, your professors are the ones who are grading your exams, so it would behoove you to fully understand their expectations of students.

GET CONNECTED TO THE CAREER CENTER

By Jonathan Weis, Beta Theta Pi

Confused about your career or in dire need of an internship? Unfortunately, many students are unaware of how helpful the Case Career Center (Sears 206) can be. In addition to the extremely valuable Career Fair, the Career Center offers more personal benefits. For example, if you are unsure of your major or possible future career fields, they offer interest testing to help guide you, along with endless information about those careers. On the other hand, if you know what you want to do and want to grow in the field, the Career Center helps you find internships or jobs nationwide through their network of countless connections. In addition to helping you find internships and jobs, they will provide you with the means to get that internship or job through an individual resume critique and mock interviews. The Career Center also organizes on-campus interviews that bring companies seeking to hire students conveniently to campus. For students wishing to pursue advanced studies such as medical school or graduate school, the Career Center offers individual counseling that evaluates the appropriateness of advanced study, assists in preparation of applications and essays, and answers any questions about the process. With the increasing trend of summer internship deadlines ending earlier, now would be the best time to check the Career Center out and get a head start on finding your next job or internship. More information can be found at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/careers/>.