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eNews for SNU Faculty, Staff and Students
September 14, 2009



What does a University do?

Ultimately, the University is about student learning and effective teaching, and for SNU doing so in ways that support our mission. What does this mean for our upcoming HLC visit? This week's look is at what SNU learned regarding HLC Criterion Three: Student learning and effective teaching.

HLC CRITERION THREE: Student learning and effective teaching. SNU emphasizes effective student learning and teaching. The set of key student learning outcomes is focused on university Mission Statement and General Education program goals.

Mission-related outcomes
 General Education-related outcomes
 Competence in the discipline
 Critical thinking
 Thinking with clarity
 Problem solving
 Acting with integrity
 Effective communication
 Serving with purpose
 Science and technology
 Hospitality of grace
 Aesthetic analysis

Pursuit of truth Global perspectives
Life of discipleship Christian worldview

Hallmarks across all SNU programs are faculty-student contact, attention to learner diversity, commitment to holistic learning, and availability of enriched learning experiences. The university is committed to providing a holistic education for students, one in which both the curriculum and co-curriculum contribute to student learning. SNU's self-study documents some key strengths in relation to learning and teaching:

Faculty and student relationships a key part of student curricular and co-curricular environments. Faculty are directly involved in all stages of the SNU educational experience, from orientation and mentoring to academic advising and learning support, co-curricular and spiritual life, and intensive study options and capstone experiences. This holds true in traditional, Professional Studies, and graduate programs. SNU seniors significantly above the national average in student-faculty interactions and supportive campus environment on the National Survey of Student Engagement

Highly qualified faculty invested in the lives of students. SNU has highly-qualified faculty: 70% of full-time SNU faculty have earned doctorate degrees and 43% hold full professor rank. Full-time faculty are very involved in providing instructional support for Professional and Graduate Studies programs as well as traditional programs. SNU provides professional development activities for both full-time and adjunct faculty. Many adjunct faculty are selected to capitalize on their professional currency and expertise.

Expanded services and facilities to meet a changing student population's needs. Over the decade, classroom spaces have been equipped to support educational technology and facilitate group and collaborative work among students. Access to library databases and other resources has increased. SNU also provides academic support services and retention initiatives to encourage student persistence and success.

Systems for assessing student learning outcomes. SNU measures and documents student learning in a variety of ways, and departments and programs review student achievement and satisfaction in order to make changes in curriculum. Student course evaluations play a part in effective classroom instruction.

FAQs

5. What is the purpose of the site visit?

To assess institutional quality and the overall health of the university, and to verify the contents, tone, and conclusions about SNU presented in the Self-Study report. Team members are consultant-evaluators who will evaluate how well the university meets the criteria for accreditation, and provide advice on issues the university has identified and make recommendations on ways SNU can continue to improve.

6. How has SNU been preparing for the visit?

HLC requires a public comment period prior to the visit, which SNU has completed by posting notices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa newspapers, the SOUTHERN LIGHT, my.snu, and SNU Web site.

A weekly eForecast series was started at the beginning of the semester, focusing on how SNU meets specific HLC criteria. HLC information is also featured on the SNU Web page (www.snu.edu/hlc).

An executive summary of the Self-Study will be distributed to campus faculty, staff, board, and community groups. Information brochures will be distributed to students. Students, staff, and faculty will soon notice displays of table-tents, posters, banners in the Commons and other major campus buildings and in classrooms

Finally, there will be all-campus HLC info meetings for students (Sept. 16), staff (Sept. 22), and

faculty (Sept. 24) focusing on readiness for the site visit. All major campus committees in September will be briefed by Steering Committee members on issues of particular relevance to their areas of responsibility.

7. What will the visiting team do to prepare before coming to campus?

Before the site visit, the team will review the SNU Self-Study Report and Change Request document, SNU's Institutional Snapshot and Federal Compliance reports, the SNU Catalog and Web site, and other SNU electronic documents from the Virtual Resource Room made available in advance.

Blessings,
Mary Jones
Provost
Mjones@snu.edu

Chapel News & Information

Chapel Information

Tuesday, September 15
Jason Hubbert,
Assoc.in the office of Spiritual Development.

Thursday, September 17
David Busic,
Senior Pastor at BFC



In This Issue

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HEALTH UPDATE

H1N1 Influenza Information

See the SNU Health Center website for the latest information on the University's response to H1N1.
<http://www.snu.edu/influenza-information>

eFORECAST ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Science Division Research Presentations

The Division of Science, Mathematics, Computer Science and Network Engineering will be sponsoring science student research/internship presentations each Monday during the Fall semester. Our first presentations will be **Monday, September 14**, at 4:30 in SCI 200. The following students will be presenting on Monday:

Erin Heap

"Feeding Habits of the Resplendent Quetzal in the Aguacatillo Trees"

Philip Cox

"Efficiency of Episomal Maintenance in g-herpesviruses"

Refreshments will be served starting at 4:15.

Upcoming Science Division Research Presentations

There will be a presentation on **Monday, September 21**, at 10:00 a.m. in SCI 200.

The following students will be presenting on Monday:

Brad Sablatura

"A Survey of Abiotic Factors and Coliform Bacteria Abundance in Oklahoma City's Lake Hefner"

Rachel Eguren

"An Enrichment usage comparison between Gentoo, Rockhopper and King Penguins at The Aquarium at Moody Gardens"

Refreshments will be served starting at 4:15.

Ethos Group, Eco-Superheroes

INSPIRATION



We are hit with thousands of words per day.

Many of these come from advertisements telling us that essentially we are "not quite good enough". If only we had the right clothes, right facial moisturizer, or the right car then we would measure up and really be valuable. Advertisers create a felt need in areas we didn't even know existed. I never knew I needed a "Sham - Wow" until I saw one on T.V. Here is a novel idea. What if we the "Kingdom of God" people, did something really countercultural and used our words to build up others? Could you make it a goal to

Are you interested in making SNU a more environmentally-friendly place? Then I recommend that you join the Ethos Group, Eco-Superheroes. In order to make the campus more eco-friendly, we will need your help. We need people to do specific things, - such as making sure recycling bins are prevalent in all buildings, picking up those bins, taking them to the recycling centers, etc. - but we also need people to express ideas of new ways in which we can better care for the earth. We will be having meetings to brainstorm and assign tasks soon. If you're interested in joining or if you've got questions, please contact Leah Wesley at wesley@mail.snu.edu

McNair Fall Research Presentation and Reception

Start: Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 1:30 PM

End: Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 3:30 PM

Location: Webster Commons Heritage Room

Contact: Jennifer Clark, at [Jennifer Clark](mailto:jennifer.clark@snu.edu). The campus is cordially invited to attend the 2nd Annual McNair Scholars Research Presentation and Reception. Five talented undergraduate researchers will present their projects. A schedule of project titles, presenters, and times will be posted on the McNair Scholars Website: <http://www.snu.edu/scholar-research>. For additional information, please contact the McNair Scholars office at 789-6400 x 6540 or mcnair@snu.edu

Ethics Club Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23

WHO: Any Student

WHERE: Royce Brown, ROOM

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

FOOD: TBD

SEMESTER IN COSTA RICA!

Have you heard about SNU's cloud forest campus in Costa Rica? For information on spending a spring semester at the Quetzal Education Research Center (QERC) come to a student meeting on Friday, Sept. 11th at 1:30 p.m. in room #304 of the science building.

H1N1 - Influenza Information

The Flu has arrived on campus! See the SNU Health Center website for the latest information on the University's response to H1N1. Influenza Information. Stay healthy.

TRAVEL THE WORLD NEXT SEMESTER!

September is the month to apply for BestSemester.com programs for studying abroad for the Spring Semester. October 1 is the deadline for applications. Plan now for an exciting semester of learning in China...Russia...the Middle East...Uganda or other great locations. The world can be your campus! Check out the opportunities! For further information contact Prof. Don Dunnington (Rm. 100 in the Religion Building or at ddunning@snu.edu). A semester studying abroad will be your Best Semester ever!



Repeat Announcements

One More Day To Vote !

Please vote for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries !!!

encourage someone today?
Could you fly in the face of the dominant consumer narrative that says we are "not enough" and tell somebody that they are enough! Do we need to grow?
Yes! Do we need to leave some old things behind? Yes! But God's creative word toward his creation is, "It is good"! Let someone know today that you appreciate them and they are not only good but great!

Grace & Peace,
Brad Strawn,
Dean of the Chapel

**GEARING UP
for a Great year!**

**ACBSP Accreditation Visit
October 11-15 - program
accreditation visit for the
School of Business.**

**Commission on Collegiate
Nursing Visit November 18-20
accreditation visit for the
School of Nursing.**

**And of course...
HLC - North Central
Accreditation Visit
October 5-7**

September Birthdays

1st
Reggie Coleman
Rita McClain

2nd
Todd Brant
Jeff Caha
Carol Courtney

6th
Sonja Kroutil
Taryn Petty
Joy Sims

10th
Linda Wilcox

11th
Ken Hardee

13th
Annie Shadid

14th
Kevin Ingram

15th
Jai Sarmiento

18th
Linda Sharp

19th
Jessica Smith

A large American cookie company is giving a grant to non-profits based on the number of votes received on their website. By October 15, please go to I Love Christie Cookies www.ilovechristiescookies.com and vote for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Inc. (NCMI) in Lenexa, Kansas. Your vote, and that of your friends, could mean a significant grant for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Thank you so much and God Bless!
Howard Culbertson

INTRODUCING . . . the CRIMSON CARD!!

The year, we are offering a discount card to faculty, staff and students that allows free admission into events as well as great discounts in the community! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support your Student Government Association and get some great discounts too!

The cost of purchasing the card is \$30 and here's what it includes:

Admission into \$56-worth of SGA school events

1/2 price entry for Softball Marathon, Dodgeball, and Broomball (why not put together a fac/staff team??)

AND discounts to 13 merchants including:

** Sonic (99 cent large drinks - no limit - all day!!)

** Cuppies & Joe (buy a cuppie and a drink - get another cuppie FREE!)

** Los Amigos (FREE drink with a meal)

** Chopper Hair Cuts (\$5 off)

** Wally Wash Car Wash (\$1 off)

and ** MORE ** !!!

For a complete list go to [The Crimson Card](#) to purchase a CRIMSON CARD, come to the Student Development office anytime from 8-5 or keep an eye out for our table in the commons during meal time over the next couple of days.

ATTENTION TEACHER EDUCATION MAJORS

As you know, the OGET (OKLAHOMA GENERAL EDUCATION TEST) is one of the requirements for admission to the teacher education program here at SNU. It is also required as a prerequisite for the upper division education courses. There are two (paper-based) test dates for this Fall - Sept. 19 and Nov. 14. Additionally, there is now a computer based testing available for the OGET.

If you're interested in taking the OGET this Fall (either the Traditional Paper-Based or the new computer-based testing program, Please contact Dr. Taylor in the School of Education. You can also contact the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation at 525-2612 or the Testing website: www.CEOE.NESINC.COM. Test registration is also available online.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The SNU Library will begin Sunday night hours on September 13 and will be open from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Morning hours have been extended to 7:45 a.m. to permit picking up printing or library materials before class. Regular hours this semester are 7:45 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday

7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday

11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday (after September 13)

Announcements Welcome

We welcome your SNU News you may have for the eForecast. Student events, Class news, Staff & Faculty news, Athletics, Professional Studies, let us help you get the word out. Send your announcements to

Sherri Stipes
Jim Wilcox

21st
Phil Budd

22nd
Robin Potts
Eunice Trent
Peggy Hampton

23rd
Marion Redwine
Beth Wetmore

24th
Phil White
Pam Broyles

25th
Pam Bracken
27th
Rhonda Thorson

28th
Billie Bowan
29th
Lauren Springer

Forecast@snu.edu . The eFORECAST is sent out the beginning of each week

Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Evaluation Visit

Southern Nazarene University (SNU) is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. SNU has maintained continuous accreditation with The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC/NCA) since 1956. HLC/NCA provides institutional accreditation, which evaluates an entire university as a whole. SNU will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on October 5-7, 2009, by a team representing HLC/NCA. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Public Comment on Southern Nazarene University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by September 1, 2009.

**SNU SCHOOL OF NURSING
Accreditation Review: Call for Public Comment**

Accreditation is a voluntary process, the purpose of which is to assess whether or not an institution or program meets particular standards, as set forth by the accrediting body. The School of Nursing at Southern Nazarene University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which is the autonomous accrediting arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Plans are currently underway for an on-site evaluation visit, scheduled to take place November 18-20, 2009. During the visit, all three nursing programs offered by the School of Nursing will be reviewed: traditional BS with a nursing major, RN to BS completion program, and Master of Science with a nursing major. As part of the review process, major constituents (students, alumni, faculty, advisory board, employers, and the practice community) are invited to submit comments about the SNU School of Nursing to CCNE. These comments must be received by CCNE no later than Monday, October 19, 2009. Only signed comments will be accepted. Although third-party comments will be shared with members of the CCNE evaluation team prior to the on-site visit, at no time during the review process will these comments be shared with the program.

Please direct comments to:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
One Dupont Circle, NW - Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120
Phone: 202-887-6791
Fax: 202-887-8476

Email: www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation

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FACULTY & STAFF page - [CLICK HERE](#)

CURRENT SNU STUDENTS page - [CLICK HERE](#)

My.SNU - Log on to My.SNU



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Students! Scholars! Servant leaders! If you have 12 or more hours of college course credit at SNU and you have a 3.5 or higher GPA, you can be a part of SNU's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national Honors Society for second-semester freshmen or older students.

NOTE: This will be the only time students higher than second-semester freshmen level may apply. SNU is reactivating its chapter of ALD, which provided service to the community for many years through SNU students' efforts in Bethany and around the metro. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national program to promote academic excellence and servant-style leadership in college communities around the nation. College graduates who are members of Alpha Lambda Delta recognize the importance of membership in this organization, and member and non-member employers recognize your willingness to work hard and serve those around you. It is open to all students who meet criteria, regardless of whether or not you are members of the SNU Honors Program.

Here is what those of you with 12 or more hours of credit and a 3.5 GPA need to know:

- 1 - You pay \$25 ONE TIME and you are a member for life - even if your GPA changes, even if you do not choose to be involved in ALD organizational and service activities after your induction
- 2 - If you have been in New Student Institute and completed a service project there or elsewhere since your first semester, you have already completed the prerequisite service project!!
- 3 - Honors, Student Development, Spiritual Development, and other offices around campus continue to offer service projects where anyone can get involved, so you will have many more opportunities for service while you're here. However, ALD only requires one for membership
- 4 - You are eligible for ALD-only scholarships amounting to between \$1000 and \$3000 per year!!!
- 5 - You can put your membership on your resume or curriculum vitae and show the world your investment in academic and service accomplishments

Here is how to apply:

Brochures and applications may be found outside the door of Dr. Jacobs, Rm 423 Science Building. Please pick up one of each, complete the application, make a check payable to SNU for \$25, and return all to Dr. Jacobs' office by next Wednesday, Sep. 9, at 4:30 PM. Our induction and welcome ceremony will be at 4:30pm on Sunday, September 13. The ceremony will take approximately 30 minutes. You'll receive more information after Wednesday if you decide to become a member of ALD. If you want to be a member of ALD but cannot come to the ceremony, please let Dr. Jacobs know when you turn in your application and membership fee.

FIRST SEMESTER FRESHMEN ONLY:

YOU TO CAN JOIN!! You'll just need to wait until Spring Semester so we can verify your hours and GPA. We will have a second induction, with a celebration of all Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 members, in March or April. In January we will have another call for membership. We look forward to serving you, and helping you serve your community!

If you want to read or learn more about Alpha Lambda Delta, please go to the following website: www.nationalald.org If you have any questions, please email Dr. Jacobs at njacobs@snu.edu, or leave a message at 491-6682.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS



[CRIMSON STORM CALENDAR](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the full SNU Calendar of Events

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is to transform lives through higher education
in Christ-centered community.
As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace,
the pursuit of truth, and the practice of discipleship,
all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition,
as we prepare graduates
who think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with purpose.*

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