Dear Parents,

Spring is upon us and with the warmer temperatures and budding trees we begin looking forward to summer. We hope your student will take the opportunity to expand his or her horizons this summer through an academic or vocational experience. The time between academic years is a great opportunity for students to grow personally and to add life experiences that will translate to their resumes and future careers. Saint Xavier offers May and Summer Term classes and assists students in finding summer internship or employment opportunities. You will find details on these offerings and other points of interest presented below.

As always, the staff of the Office for Student Affairs is here to help your student succeed and may be reached at 773-298-3121 or studentaffairs@sxu.edu.

I wish you the joy of the Easter season and hope you find opportunities to connect with your daughter or son. We look forward to occasions to see you in the future.

Sincerely,
John P. Pelrine, Jr.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Fall 2016 Registration Has Arrived!

Make sure that your son or daughter meets with his or her academic advisor in order to register for fall 2016 classes. The registration process begins in a few weeks. Students...
may check Self-Service under "priority registration time assignment" for their exact date and time for registration.

All undergraduate students need to be cleared by their academic advisor in order to register. Advisor contact information is available through Self-Service. If they need any assistance, they can contact Records and Advising by either stopping by room A-203 in the Warde Academic Center or by calling 773-298-3501.

**May/Summer Term Classes - Registration is Open!**

Students may register now for May and Summer Term Classes. May Term is a three-week session at a reduced tuition rate. A wide variety of courses are offered in an intensive format that allows for in-depth focus and creative learning opportunities. Free housing is available on a limited basis for registered May Term students; a small meal plan is required. Interested students should contact the Office of Residence Life at reslife@sxu.edu or 773-298-3977. Summer registration is also open for courses in June, July or the full summer.

**Summer Internships and Career Events**

In a challenging job market, it is more critical than ever for college students in all majors to find pre-professional experiences that can prepare them for the world of work. Summer is a great time to start preparing for the future by exploring internships! Deadlines are fast approaching for many competitive experiences. Career Services staff can help students with resources, strategies and opportunities. Students can visit our walk-in hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Career Services modular unit behind Pacelli Hall, or call 773-298-3131 to make an appointment. Internship listings are also available at CougarJobs.com, on Facebook at SXU Career Services and Twitter @SXUCareer.

**Upcoming Career Services Events**

**What Can I Do With a Major In??? Series**

- Alternative Careers for Education Majors
  - Tuesday, March 29, 4:00 p.m.
    - Andrew Conference Center, ACC 102

**Working in Mercy: Professionals Addressing the Mercy Critical Concerns**

Join us for a series of panels featuring professionals who have dedicated their lives to working for the common good through the lens of the Sisters of Mercy’s critical concerns.

- Health and Welfare of Women
  - Thursday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.
    - Butler Reception Room

- Responding to Immigration Issues
  - Wednesday, April 13, 5:00 p.m.
    - Butler Reception Room

*Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Career Services.*

**Housing Reassignment**

The Office of Residence Life will host the annual Housing Reassignment Lottery on Tuesday, April 12 at 10 p.m. in the Andrew Conference Center. Residents who intend to return to
University Housing for the fall 2016 semester will complete the contract and room selection process on that day given all eligibility requirements for renewal are met.

A series of information sessions will be held in late March to review the specifics of the process and answer any questions residents might have about their eligibility and reassignment.

If your student is planning to live in University Housing and you have any questions, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 773-298-3977 or reslife@sxu.edu

Come Early, Come Often...to the Learning Center!

As the academic semester is now in full swing, you may notice that your son or daughter may be experiencing issues and/or anxieties over his or her coursework. One of the ways in which you can offer additional support is by encouraging your student to drop by the Learning Center. The Learning Center facilitates free tutoring in a myriad of subjects including, but not limited to: biology, chemistry, music, physics, philosophy, Spanish and writing.

One of the greatest challenges for your son or daughter will be discovering how best to adapt to the challenges of academic life. The staff and all of the tutors in the Learning Center want to encourage your son or daughter's transition to college by offering the resources that help him or her become a successful learner. The tutors not only have knowledge and insight, but they also serve as peers who have experienced similar situations in their academics. Your student may contact the Learning Center in the Warde Academic Center Room L-108 or at 773-298-3956 for more details on the opportunities mentioned here or for any other academic support.

A Note from the Counseling Center

Has your college student become someone unrecognizable? Often during the college years our students transform into someone we feel we don’t know -- in both positive and negative ways! These changes often happen quickly and it's hard to keep up. Several factors can contribute to this normal process, and awareness of them may help you continue to relate to your college student.

College is a place of new relationships. These relationships with other students, faculty and staff will influence your student in new ways. Negotiating these relationships is one of the most difficult tasks for your student, and they are learning about themselves and others. A conflict with a friend may solidify personal values. Mentors among faculty provide new directions for the future, and your student may begin to exhibit these new parts of their personality. Allowing your student to talk about the new people in their life can help you understand them better.

Education is transformational. Think of all the classes that your student is attending and the new ideas that are entering their lives. Even if your student doesn’t seem excited or interested in some classes (yes, that happens), those ideas and concepts are being presented to them. They're being presented not just with information but a new way of critically thinking about themselves and the world around them. They may challenge everything in their life. When they talk about something of interest, explore it with them.

This phase in their life -- regardless of age -- is a time of transition and development. It's normal and healthy for change to occur, and it can be exciting to watch them grow.
They are becoming adults, and your relationship with them will need to adjust. But the new relationship with your adult child can be rewarding in different ways.

Students may access professional counselors at the Counseling Center by calling 773-298-3131 or stopping by the modular unit behind Pacelli Hall.

**Spring Sports Overview**

As the warmer weather approaches, Saint Xavier University Athletics starts to heat up as well. Both the SXU men's and women's basketball teams qualified for their respective NAIA Division II National Championship tournaments. The women's team enters the 32-team, single elimination event as the second highest ranked team in the field and has very high hopes for a deep postseason run. The Cougar men's volleyball team is in the middle of its regular season and recently wrapped up a two-match road trip in Ohio and Michigan. Both the Saint Xavier baseball and softball teams took advantage of Spring Break and headed south to Florida for over a week of games. The softball team is currently ranked No. 10 nationally in the preseason national poll. The men's and women's track and field teams recently wrapped up its indoor season and are preparing to kick off the outdoor season in early April. The men's track team had two runners earn All-American recognition at the 2016 NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Tennessee. The SXU men's and women's golf teams begin their spring season down in Florida in mid-March.

For all the latest news and updates regarding Cougar Athletics, check us out online at [www.sxucougars.com](http://www.sxucougars.com). Go Cougars!

**News from the Office of Financial Aid**

Awarding of financial aid to returning students has begun. Award letters are generated first-come, first-served as FAFSA results are received, and will be available to view on [Self-Service](http://self-service). Please ensure the student's 2016-2017 FAFSA renewal has been filed. Frequent communication will be sent to the student's SXU email account, if additional information is needed. Failure to submit requested documentation will result in a delay in receiving financial aid.

Additional financing options are available, if needed. The parents of dependent students may obtain a Federal Parent PLUS Loan, or students may apply for a private loan. These loan options are available for application after May 1. If the student has not received notification of their award letter by the end of the spring term, or if you have additional questions, please contact the [Office of Financial Aid](mailto:finaid@sxu.edu) at finaid@sxu.edu or 773-298-3070.

**Update from Mission and Ministry**

Women's Prayer Groups are held on a daily basis Monday through Friday each semester. Prayer takes place in the back of the McDonough Chapel in the small room. All faiths are welcome to join us; students are asked to bring nothing but an open heart; music, quiet time and sharing based on a theme is prepared by Sister Carol.

- Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Thursdays at 1:00 and 2:15 p.m.
- Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

For information, students should contact Sister Carol Mucha, RSM at [mucha@sxu.edu](mailto:mucha@sxu.edu) or by phone at 773-298-4232.
Sister Carol leading a women’s prayer group.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, March 16:** Mission Day Awards, 3:30 p.m., Fourth Floor Boardroom*

- **Thursday, March 17:** Health and Welfare of Women - Working with Mercy: Careers for the Common Good Panel, 5:00 p.m., Butler Reception Room

- **Friday, March 18:** 13th Annual [SXU Health Fair](#), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shannon Center*

- **Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday Liturgy, 8 p.m., McDonough Chapel*

- **Monday, March 21:** Women in Public Service Panel, Student Lounge, 3:00 p.m.

- **Wednesday, March 23:** Residence Halls close for Easter Break, 6 p.m.

- **March 24-27:** Easter Holiday

- **Thursday, March 31:** "Higher Education as Partner in the Church’s Mission" by Archbishop Blase Cupich, 7:30 p.m., McGuire Hall*

- **Wednesday, April 6:** Grad Fest (Commencement Cap, Gown and Ticket Distribution), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Gilhooley’s Grande Saloon

- **April 8-10:** Awakenings Retreat, Sign-up through [Campus Ministry](#)

- **Tuesday, April 12:** Housing Reassignment Lottery, 10 p.m., Andrew Conference Center

- **Thursday, April 14:** "Our Common Home: An Interdisciplinary Conversation on Environmental Responsibility" 6:30 p.m., McGuire Hall*

- **Friday, April 15:** [Late Night at SXU](#), 9 p.m. to midnight, Shannon Center

- **Sunday, April 17:** Sacrament of Confirmation at Sunday Student Mass, 8 p.m. McDonough Chapel*

- **Saturday, April 23:** [Saint Xavier Council (SXC)](#) Spring Service Day

- **Wednesday, April 27:** College of Arts and Sciences
Award Ceremony, 5 p.m., Butler Reception Room

- **Sunday, May 1** Blessing of the Brains and Graduates at Sunday Student Mass, 8 p.m., McDonough Chapel*

- **Friday, May 6**: Commencement Liturgy, 4:30 p.m., McDonough Chapel*

- **Friday, May 6**: University Housing closes for the semester, 6 p.m.

- **Friday, May 6**: Commencement Ceremonies, Shannon Center, Graham School of Management, 6:30 p.m. (ticket required)

- **Saturday, May 7**: Commencement Ceremonies, Shannon Center
  - College of Arts and Sciences, 10 a.m. (ticket required)
  - School of Education and School of Nursing, 3 p.m. (ticket required)

*Parents welcome to attend*