We welcome our Spartan Parents and Family Members to the spring edition of our newsletter. Staying Connected is your one-stop online resource of information and news you need in order to be a well-informed supporter to your student. It also provides helpful information to our new Spartan Parents and Family Members whose students will be joining us in the fall. This volume includes an introduction to our new President, financial aid information, campus safety tips, important deadlines, and so much more. Enjoy!
Make a Note of It!!!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
SPRING SEMESTER 2019

University Community/Faculty/Staff/School/Department.............................................Wednesday, January 2
Meetings/ Faculty Information Workshops
Departmental Advising and Registration..............................................................................Friday, January 4 – Saturday, January 5
Classes Begin/Late Registration..........................................................................................Monday, January 7
Deadline for Late Registration/Adding Courses or Declaring Audit ..................................Friday, January 11
Mini Term 2A/2C Deadline for Late Registration/Adding Courses or Declaring Audit ..........Friday, January 11
Deadline to Drop a Course and Receive 100% Refund (18/2 and Mini Term 2A/2C)..............Friday, January 11
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes)........................................................................Monday, January 21
Deadline to Apply for May 2019 Graduation.....................................................................Friday, January 25
Mini Term 2A/2C advisory grades due (7 week session)......................................................Monday, January 28 – Saturday, February 2
At the 5th week, First advisory grades due (15 week session)............................................Monday, February 4 – Saturday, February 9
Mid Term Grading for Graduate Courses.............................................................................Monday, February 18 – Saturday, February 23
Registration for Summer and Fall 2019 Semester..................................................................Monday, February 25 – Friday, June 21
Spring Break.........................................................................................................................Monday, March 4 – Sunday, March 10
Mini Term 2B/2D (Classes Begin)..........................................................................................Monday, March 11
At the 10th week, Second advisory grades due (15 week session)......................................Monday, March 11 – Saturday, March 16
Mini-Term 2B/2D Deadline for Late Registration/Add/Drop Courses or Declaring Audit ....Friday, March 15
Deadline to Drop a Course and Received 100% Refund (Mini Term 2B/2D).....................Friday, March 15
Deadline to Drop a Course.................................................................................................Friday, March 22
Mini Term 2B/2D advisory grades due (7 week session)......................................................Monday, March 25 – Saturday, March 30
Final Grades Due for May 2019 Graduates..........................................................................Wednesday, April 24
Classes End..........................................................................................................................Friday, April 26
(Last Day to Withdraw from the University)
Final Examination Period..................................................................................................Saturday, April 27 – Friday, May 3
COMMENCEMENT..............................................................................................................Saturday, May 4
Deadline to Report Final Grades.........................................................................................Tuesday, May 7
Faculty Development Workshop..........................................................................................Wednesday, May 8 - Thursday, May 9

Registration One-Stop Shop Advising and Registration Services will be located on the first floor of the Student Center beginning, Friday, January 4, 2019 through Friday, January 11, 2019. Hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2019, hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR
#### SUMMER SESSIONS 2019

**MAY 13 – JUNE 21, 2019 6 WEEK TERM (TERM A)**

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**JUNE 24 – JULY 19, 2019 4 WEEK TERM (TERM B)**

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Through its Financial Aid Office, Norfolk State University provides assistance to qualified students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend the university. Aid is awarded on the basis of need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY**

Financial Aid award types include federal, state, and school aid programs. The awards listed below are those offered at NSU to eligible students.

**Grants**
- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH)
- Virginia Commonwealth Award
- Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (VGAP)
- Graduate Fellowship

**Work-Study**
- Federal Work-Study
- NSU Student Employment

**Loans**
- Federal Perkins Loan
- William D. Ford Direct Student Loan (Subsidized)
- William D. Ford Direct Student Loan (Unsubsidized)
- PLUS Loan
- Alternative/Private Loan
- Graduate PLUS Loan

**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

**SAP Standards:** Norfolk State University is required by federal regulations to adhere to minimum standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) that relate to a student's eligibility for federally funded financial aid programs, state and institutional grants, scholarships, employment, and loan programs.

**SAP Eligibility:** Students must meet minimum satisfactory academic progress standards in order to initially receive and to maintain eligibility for Title IV funds. The satisfactory academic progress standards apply to all students in degree-seeking programs of study who wish to be considered for financial assistance.

**SAP Measurements Quantitative:** Students must complete at least 67% of all courses attempted (for example, 11 credit hours out of 15 credit hours attempted must be passed); and courses that are not considered as "completed", but still count in this measurement are failed (F) courses, incomplete courses (I), dropped courses, and withdrawn courses (W). Students must not exceed 150% of attempted credit hours required to complete the program of study.

**SAP Measurements Qualitative:** Students must attain at least the minimum cumulative grade point average required for the number of credits earned for the academic classification level and must make satisfactory progress towards degree completion by advancing to the next academic classification level. Failure to maintain or meet the minimum cumulative grade point average will result in the cancellation or denial of financial assistance.

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of an advanced cumulative grade point average that meets the minimum satisfactory academic progress requirement within the allotted time frame for awarding aid for the upcoming term. SAP is reviewed on an annual basis. A student may regain eligibility by attending summer school; however, payment would be the student's responsibility.

The minimum grade point average for each classification is indicated below:

- **Freshman** - Less than 30 credit hours - GPA: 1.7 or higher
- **Sophomore** - 30-59 credit hours - GPA: 1.8 or higher
- **Junior** - 60-89 credit hours - GPA: 2.0 or higher
- **Senior** - 90 or more credit hours - GPA: 2.0 or higher
- **Graduate** - GPA: 3.0 or higher
Summer 2019 New Student Orientation Dates

**JUNE 2019**

Transfer Students
Friday, June 14, 2019
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nursing and General Education Building 205

Freshman
Friday, June 21, 2019
College of Science, Engineering & Technology
School of Social Work
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center

**JULY 2019**

Freshman
Friday, July 12, 2019
School of Business
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center

**AUGUST 2019**

Friday, July 26, 2019
Open to all Academic Schools and all Students
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Freshmen - L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
Transfers - Nursing and General Education Building 205

Saturday, July 27, 2019
Open to all Academic Schools and all Students
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Freshmen - L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
Transfers - Nursing and General Education Building 205

Wednesdays, August 21, 2019
Open to all Academic Schools and all Students
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Freshmen - L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
Transfers - Nursing and General Education Building 205

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES**

This is your journey too! Please visit:
https://www.rsu.edu/admissions/parents.html
Important information designed especially for you.
Welcome to Sparta! The Admissions Open House provides an excellent opportunity for parents, family members, and students, of course, to learn more about Norfolk State University's amazing academic programs, as well as the various components of a diverse Student Life experience that makes it second to none. Upon your arrival at Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall that morning between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., the day officially begins at 10:00 a.m. with welcome remarks and university greetings which include the award-winning Spartan Legion Marching Band and NSU Theater Company, along with Alumni. From there, you will experience campus tours, parent sessions, and an Academic Marketplace. Your student will also engage in a Student Organization Fair, Student Panel, and an opportunity to take care of business at the Spartan Hub. The day is sure to be an unforgettable experience that will chart the course for your student's journey as a Spartan.

BEHOLD: THE GREEN AND GOLD!
On Friday, February 22, 2019, the Norfolk State University community was introduced to the newest member of the Spartan Family: the seventh President of the University, Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston. "Dr. J", as she has been affectionately called by students over the years, brings to NSU over 30 years' experience in higher education, which has been described as wide-ranging, comprehensive and intensive. NSU looks forward to continuing to progress and reach even higher heights under her leadership.

We would be remised if we did not take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Dr. Melvin T. Stith, Sr. for his phenomenal leadership of NSU as our Interim President. We have great admiration for him and thank him for his dedication and love for his alma mater. Behold!
The Norfolk State University Police Department is committed to serving and protecting Sparta. Our officers are responsible for the safety and security of all members of the University community. The term “campus crime” tends to bring to mind a few obvious crimes, such as bicycle thefts or textbook thefts. Certainly, these thefts can and do prove very costly to victims. But a realization that any crime that occurs in society can and does occur on a college or university campus puts your student one step closer to avoid being a victim. Most crimes can be deterred, if not entirely prevented, by developing simple habits and performing certain tasks. Please discuss the tips below with your student which may reduce their chances of being victimized.

CALL FOR HELP!
* Dial (757) 823-8102/8103 and report any suspicious behavior. Also dial 911 if necessary.

VEHICLES
* Lock your doors anytime you leave your car.
* Do not leave valuables in plain view.

RESIDENCE HALLS/APARTMENTS/HOUSES
* Lock your door and carry your key with you at all times.
* Always know who is at your door and the reason for their visit before opening your door.
* Do not leave doors propped open.

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS
* Engrave valuables with serial numbers through the Norfolk State University Police Department.
* Keep emergency telephone numbers in your telephone.
* Make sure there is verbal and sober consent before engaging in any sexual activity.
* Use the LiveSafe App. (Please see the following page for more details.)

For a complete list of safety tips, please visit https://www.nsu.edu/publicsafety/campus-safety.
USE THE LIVESAFE APP

Here’s how your student can get the app:

Open Google Play or the Apple App Store on your phone.

Search for "LiveSafe" and download the option with the blue shield.

Tap "Sign up." Fill in your profile information and create a password.

Norfolk State University may pop-up if you are close to the campus. If so, tap "Yes." Otherwise tap "Change" to select Norfolk State University.

Remember, safety and security are everyone’s business.
Each year, thousands of students embark on their college journey on campuses across this nation with the mindset of graduating. Our goal is to provide our Spartans with the ultimate and most respectful customer care experience. We are committed to addressing comments, questions, and concerns related to your student’s experience with Norfolk State University. We value feedback and seek to enhance your student’s level of satisfaction. We want to exceed all expectations, for our students and their family members are valued, appreciated, and important to us.

ASSISTANCE
May we help your student resolve a matter? Simply complete the online form by visiting our website: https://surveys.nsu.edu/index.php/844158/lang-en. We will investigate your student’s concern and will provide follow-up results within 48 – 72 hours, three business days. Additional time for resolution may be needed, based on the complexity of the concern, and during Registration and New Student Orientation. We welcome all suggestions and accolades.

Need Immediate Assistance? Call: 757-823-8673. Or you may visit us at the Student Services Center Suite 319.

*Note: For academic matters, please follow the academic protocol located at: Student Conduct Process, under the heading ACADEMIC MATTERS.