



STAYING CONNECTED

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FALL SEMESTER IS UNDERWAY

Welcome to the September issue of "Staying Connected," a newsletter designed to keep you linked, knowledgeable, and up to date.

Fall semester is well underway, and NSU Spartans are on the Move!!!!!!

- The Board of Visitors recently approved the creation of several NSU academic schools and programs.

Academic areas undergoing name changes (former designation is in bold) include::

School of Science and Technology—New Designation - College of Science, Engineering and Technology

School of Liberal Arts—New Designation—College of Liberal Arts

Honors Program—New Designation—

Honors College

Graduate Studies—New Designation—Graduate School

Distance Education—New Designation—School of Extended Learning

- The university's electronics and optical engineering programs have been retroactively accredited, effective October 2006.

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PARENT CONVOCATION 2008

NSU has partnered with Norfolk Public Schools and Calvary Christian School System to present **Parent Convocation 2008**, a dynamic

program designed to assist parents and students in preparing for collegiate success. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September

27 in Joseph G. Echols Hall, from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit www.nsu.edu/news/index.html

VOTE FOR THE SPARTAN LEGION WWW.HONDABATTLEOFTHEBANDS.COM

Spartan Parents! It is that time of year to cast your vote for the Marching Spartan Legion to participate in the 2009 Honda Battle of the Bands. This display of musical warfare will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

For the past two years, the Spartan Legion has rocked the house in the Peach State. In order for the Spartan Legion to make a

third consecutive appearance, your help is needed. Please cast your ballot for the Legion using the web address listed above. Once you have logged onto the site, click on the opinion poll and register so that you can cast your vote for the Spartan Legion once a day. Please spread the word throughout the Spartan Nation to show your support of the number one band in the country.

**BEHOLD THE
GREEN AND
GOLD**

FAMILY WEEKEND

**November
7—9**

*Information
will be
arriving*

TIME TO UPDATE SEND WORD NOW

Please remind your student to update his/her emergency contact information. During the week of September 15–19, students will receive an email invitation from *NSU Campus Alerts*. The email will contain a hyperlink. By clicking the hyperlink, a Web page will open showing current contact information. Information must be updated in order

to receive emergency alerts from university officials. **Send Word Now** is able to send alerts to a student's cell phone, email, Blackberry, PDA, etc.

Students have until Monday, September 22 to update contact information. It is highly critical that your student respond to this email and update

contact information so that in case of any emergency, NSU officials will be able to contact in a timely manner.

If your student chooses to have text messages sent to a cell phone, standard text messaging rates from the service provider applies.

Questions? Call 757-823-8373.

FALL SEMESTER 2008 CALENDAR

- September 19—Last day to Apply for December 2008 Graduation
- October 6-11—Mid-Semester Advisory Period
- October 17—Last Day to Drop a Course
- October 27—January 9—Spring 2009 Registration
- November 26—Reading Day
- November 27—30—Thanksgiving Break
- December 1—Classes Resume
- December 5—Classes End (Last Day to Withdraw from the University)
- December 6—12 Final Exams
- December 13—Commencement

TUTORIAL SERVICES

Norfolk State University's tutoring program is available at no cost for currently enrolled students. The service offers a support system for students and peer assistance in the comprehension of coursework. It is designed to provide academic assistance to students by pairing them with peers who have been demonstrated exceptional achievement in a particular subject area. Sessions are avail-

able by appointment or on a walk-in basis.

The Student Tutorial Centers provide:

- One-on-one tutoring
- Group study sessions
- Structured study hall (for students in extracurricular activities or support service programs)
- Effective study tips

Does your student need a tutor?

Find out more by visiting www.nsu.edu/access/tutorialservices/

EXAM OF WRITING COMPETENCY

The Examination of Writing Competency (EWC) is a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students. It is a 3 hour proctored exam in which students write an essay that responds to a question from a general category.

Students should take the EWC as soon as they have completed their freshman composition courses

(English 101 and English 102); for most students, this would be their sophomore year. Students must take the EWC before they complete 90 credit hours.

Students must go to the Registrar's Office, at least two weeks prior to any administration of the exam, to register for the exam. Currently, there is no fee for the exam.

QUESTIONS?

Please call 757-823-2930 or email rlbingham@nsu.edu. You may also visit the Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment website at www.nsu.edu/iea/eewc.php for more information.

2008 SPARTAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September	18 —at Hampton U. - 1 p.m.	15 —Delaware State— 1 p.m.
20 —at William & Mary — 7 p.m.	25 —Florida A & M (Homecoming) 1 p.m.	22 —at Winston Salem State 1:30 p.m.
27 —at Bethune Cookman — 4 p.m.	November	For more information, call the Ticket Office at 757-823-9009 Or log onto www.nsuspartans.com .
October	1 —at Howard—1 p.m.	
11 —at S.C. State— 1:30 p.m.	8 = Morgan State—1 p.m. (Family Weekend)	

**NSU
HOMECOMING**

OCTOBER 25

**NSU
vs.
Florida A & M**

1 p.m.

**Dick Price
Stadium**

NSU

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Thank you for visiting our Customer Care webpage. We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of "Staying Connected," a newsletter designed just for you. Be sure to let us know of articles you would like to see in upcoming issues. Please mark your calendar for our next issue, October 8.

Our goal is to provide you with the ultimate customer care experience. Please know that as our partner in education, you are valued, appreciated, and important to us. May we help you?

Let's stay connected!

We want to exceed
your expectations!

**CAMPUS DIRECTORY
757 AREA CODE**

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

Business— 823-8920
Education— 823-8701
Liberal Arts—823-8118
Science & Technology—823-8180
Social Work—823-8668

ADMIN. SERVICES

Admissions—823-8396
Bookstore—823-2037
Career Services—823-8462
Cashier's Office—823-8462
Counseling Center—823-8542

Disability Svcs.—823-2014
Financial Aid—823-8381
First Year Experience—823-8507
Graduate Studies—823-8015
Judicial Affairs—823-8222
Library—823-8873
Post Office—823-8332
Housing—823-8407
Student Accounts—823-8381
Student Center—823-8200
University Police—823-8102
Veteran Affairs—823-2586