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Plan NOW for Spring!

It's time to schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to plan for Spring 2014. Program students can meet their advisors in their offices and participate in Early Registration to get classes they want before non-admitted and/or visiting students. Below are Early Registration dates for Spring:

Nov. 4: Continuing Program Students with 35+ credit hours

Nov. 6: Continuing Program Students with 17+ credit hours

Nov. 8: Continuing Program Students with 4+ credit hours

Nov. 12: All Eligible and Admitted Program Students

Nov. 13-Jan. 12: All Students who have met with advisors

NCCU's Dean Pigues to Meet & Greet Prospective Durham Tech Business Transfers



Dean D. Keith Pigues from North Carolina Central University's School of Business will meet and greet Durham Tech students on

Wednesday, October 9, at noon in the Phillips Building, room 325 (the TLC). Dean Pigues will offer an overview of the opportunities for business majors at NCCU and discuss the

requirements for admission and program completion.

RSVP to Ms. Keisha Williams at business@nccu.edu to attend.



Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Online Application Period Open! Deadline: November 7

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a prestigious award that provides up to \$30,000 to each of the 75 students selected annually. This is the largest private scholarship

for community college transfer students.

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Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive.

To meet the minimum requirements to be considered, you must:

- * Be a current student at a community college with sophomore status by December 31, 2013, or a recent graduate (since spring 2009).
- * Plan to enroll full time in a baccalaureate program by fall 2014.
- * Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- * Not have been previously nominated for the JKCF Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.
- * Demonstrate unmet financial need.

The application process will take place in two phases. Phase One of the process must be completed online by November 7, 2013, at noon Central Standard Time. To begin the process, go to http://www.durhamtech.edu/asut/jkcscholarship.htm. Applicants should have

transcript information on hand to complete the online application, as well as the email address of a recent community college instructor who will write your letter of recommendation. Check with your recommender before you list that person on the online application! You should provide your recommender with as much time as possible to write, edit, and submit an electronic letter. It is a good practice to provide your recommender with a resume or list of your activities and accomplishments so he or she can be specific in the letter.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will notify selected applicants by late November with invitations to move on to Phase Two.

Poet Richard Blanco to Conduct Writer's Workshop at Durham Tech



Durham Tech is pleased to sponsor a poetry-writing craft talk by Richard Blanco on **Saturday, October 12,** from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Educational Resources Center. The workshop is part of the Charles Sanders President's

Lecture Series.

Blanco is the youngest, first openly gay, and first Latino to ever be selected to read his poetry for the presidential inauguration. Below is a link to the swearing-in ceremony for Barack Obama featuring Blanco reading his poem, "One Today:"

http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/today-richard-blanco-poem-read-barack-obama-inauguration/story?id=18274653

Because space is limited, seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

C-STEP Student Sarah Holstein Finds Her Niche at UNC-Chapel Hill

Sarah Holstein graduated from Durham Tech with an Associate in Arts degree in May 2013. She participated in C-STEP, the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program, from 2011-2013. (For more information, see http://www.durhamtech.edu/asut/cstep.htm). The Transfer Times caught up with Sarah at this year's C-STEP Kick-off Event at the Blue Zone at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan Stadium on September 9. Sarah is seated fourth from the left with other C-STEP students. She sent the following update.

- US Government & Recitation
- Mandarin 101
- Transfer Seminar: US Colleges and Universities
- Newswriting
- 3) I was hired by student-run public relations/advertising company, Heelprint Communications, as a strategist for this fall and spring. My team's client is the U.S. Department of State. We're still in the planning stages of this project, so I can't say much more than that right now.
- 4) I joined two student organizations



I'm happy to report on what I've been doing since I got to UNC-Chapel Hill. It's been busy, to say the least!

- 1) I transferred directly into the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, which is kind of like an endless pool of incredible resources that is stuck inside an architecturally confusing building.
- 2) I am taking five courses this semester, totaling 15 credit hours:
 - Basics of Public Relations and Advertising

on campus: The UAA UNC Art club and the Advertising club.

5) I am still in pretty regular contact with other DTCC transfers, which is a really nice support network to have on a big campus like UNC-Chapel Hill, but it's also been really easy here to make new friends and contacts. There is a huge number of transfer-specific or department-specific groups on campus that are here just to help us get acclimated to the environment and help us keep everything on track. I meet regularly with a Peer Mentor, who is a

transfer student in her senior year, and she is incredibly helpful. Aside from even those resources, I find that most staff and faculty are always asking how well I'm adjusting or if there's anything I'm struggling with. My fellow students are friendly and always eager to help, as well.

There are so many things I'd love to mention or talk about, but I'd go on for pages. I'll just end with this:

Almost everything that people have said about transferring to UNC-Chapel Hill is true, especially the part about how comfortable the couches are at Graham Memorial.

- Sarah Holstein

Mark Your Calendars! Two Special Events on October 23 . . .

Wednesday, October 23

This month's Science Seminar will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Collins Building, room 278. The speaker will be David McNelis, PhD. research professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering and director of the Center for Sustainable Energy, Environment, and Economic Development at UNC-Chapel Hill. Preseminar refreshments will be served in the lobby.

Wednesday, October 23

Don't miss the October Poetry Hour! Join the English and Communications faculty and guest presenter Ross White, who will read and discuss Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ozimandias" on Wednesday, October 23, at 2:30 in the Phillips Building, room 325 (the TLC). Treat your senses to an hour of refreshment.

Find transfer information sessions and a schedule of campus visits by four-year institutions' recruiters and admissions counselors on the Virtual Transfer Center at http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfe r/index,htm