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Well, we are officially into finals week. We will end finals week with the Christmas Luncheon (see below). Be sure to sign up and bring a dish to share.

I put a notice about academic advisement into the newsletter. The message was sent to all Department Heads. Please let Tracy know how to contact you during these periods of registration. She does a great job in handling many of the questions. However, she might need to have you speak to one or two students. If you do not plan to be in your office, at least give us a phone number where you can be reached.

We have a seminar at 3:00 PM today. Please try to attend.
My tomato plants finally froze this past week. I guess summer is over. Have a great week-end.
--Lou

Department News

Friday Seminar – TODAY!
Elizabeth Walton will give a seminar Friday (30 November) on: ***Troubled Times for Turtles: Identifying and Reducing Human Impacts on Turtle Populations.*** The talk is at 3:00 PM on 332 Martin Hall. Please plan to attend.

Martin Hall Christmas Luncheon
The Annual Martin Hall Christmas Luncheon will be on Friday, December 7th. Set up will start at 11:00 am. The Sign up sheet is posted on the Biology Mail Room door, 240 Martin Hall.

Pre-registration Reminder
As a friendly reminder, all departments need to have Faculty Advisor(s) present during pre-registration. Faculty/ Staff return to JSU Tuesday, January 2nd, 2013; therefore, all departments need to have Faculty Advisor(s) available to advise students from January 2nd – January 4th. JSU **<u>will not</u>** extend office/advising hours during pre-registration.
Registration will close, Monday, December 10th and reopen Tuesday, December 18th.
Classes begin, Monday, January 7th and Registration will not close again until the last day to add/drop, which is Monday, January 14. -- Michelle Green, Academic Advisement

December Graduation

Fall Commencement will be divided into two ceremonies at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Friday, December 14, 2012 as follows:

4:30 p.m. - College of Arts & Sciences
College of Commerce & Business Administration
Library faculty

7:00 p.m. - College of Education & Professional Studies College of Nursing & Health Sciences

"The University encourages faculty, on a voluntary basis, to participate in all commencement ceremonies. The University, however, allows faculty members the privilege of choosing one of the three commencements held each year in which to participate." Please let Tracy know if you plan to attend this graduation. Please contact Cathy Rose at 782-5284 or crose@jsu.edu no later than December 3rd to reserve regalia.

University News

Calhoun County Civic Chorale Winter Concert & Food Drive

On Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels (1000 West 18th Street in Anniston), the Calhoun County Civic Chorale will hold its Winter Concert. The concert is entitled "A Celebration of Carols" and Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols will be the featured work along with other music of the season. Katherine Newman of Huntsville will be the guest harpist. Audience members are asked to bring donations of non perishable food items such as canned food, peanut butter and dry pasta to the concert. Donation boxes will be in the lobby. The concert is free and open to the public.

JSU Faculty and Staff:

Below is a list of upcoming Digital Measures training sessions. Sessions typically do not last longer than 30 minutes.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. in Ayers 361
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in Ayers 361
To sign up, please go to the URL: http://www.doodle.com/352mk4ivfqbv8hkx
Remember to bring a copy of your curriculum vita with you to training.

Student News

Midnight Snack in the Caf

To help everyone refuel and take a break from studying during finals, Sodexo will host Midnight Snack in the Caf on Monday, December 3, from 10 p.m. - midnight in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. The menu will be various breakfast options and there will also be music. There will also be an ice cream bar with various toppings. If any faculty or staff wish to participate please contact the catering department at ext. 5555 or email Bryant Whaley.

Opportunity for JSU Graduates to Study in Canada

Attention JSU students graduating before August 1, 2013! The Fulbright Canada Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Award is a new initiative of the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada). The STEM award, which is a three-year award valued at $120,000 (tuition, fees, and an annual stipend of $20,000), is the counterpart to Fulbright's International Science and Technology award for foreign students coming to the United States. It is open to students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (complete list available on web site). The deadline for applications has been extended to December 17, 2012, and GRE scores must be submitted by December 31, 2012. For full details, please visit this web site: http://www.fulbright.ca/programs/american-students/STEM_program.html

Good luck!

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