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Happy New Year and Welcome to Spring Semester 2012 at ODU's Virginia Beach Headquarters!

Student Engagement Initiatives at ODU-Virginia Beach: Fall 2011 ExamJam

As the only research-extensive, public university in south-eastern Virginia, ODU and our thousands of alumni contribute substantially to the quality of life right here in our city, as well as throughout our sprawling metropolitan region and indeed, the Commonwealth and world beyond. Nearly 20,000 ODU alumni live and/or work in Virginia Beach! Many of you reading this newsletter will soon join them – and we are here to support your success along the way.

Welcome especially if you are a new Transfer or Graduate student! Take advantage of the on-site Writing Tutorial Services, and our Library, Career Management, Recreation & Wellness, National Poetry Month, and other success programming and events here at ODU-VB. Also be aware that our outstanding Learning Commons Team, led by Assistant Director Daniela Cigularova, is your liaison to multiple main campus offices, including Study Abroad, Counseling Services, and Educational Accessibility. Everything you need to succeed is available to you here at ODU-VB, and we hope you'll drop a note in our Suggestion Boxes to let us know what else we can provide to promote your academic progress.

As the annual U.S. Department of Labor statistics repeatedly show, higher education – particularly bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees – increase an individual's long-term earning power and provide employment security in challenging economic times. University education is expensive and entails many challenges, but not investing is costlier. May you reap the benefits of your smart investment, and have a most rewarding 2012!

- Renée Olander
 Assistant Professor of English and
 Assistant Vice-President
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 Centers



Our tremendously successful fall semester ExamJam at ODU-Virginia Beach featured various musical performances, a comedy routine, free pizza, drinks, and a student raffle with ODU spirit item prizes. Don't miss out on the fun—be sure to join us for our next ExamJam in April.

ODU-VB Follett Satellite Bookstore
Textbook Sales
Available Jan 7th through 18th

The Follett University Bookstore at **ODU-VB** located in room 167, features spring semester textbook sales, school supplies, snacks, soft drinks and **ODU Monarch** spirit items. Textbook sale dates on-site are for a limited period at the beginning of each semester - refer to the dates and hours below. Be sure to purchase your textbooks early to take advantage of on-site sales. The **ODU-VB** bookstore telephone number is **757-368-1750**.

Textbook Sales:

- Sat, Jan 7: 10:00am-3:00pm
- Mon, Jan 9 — Thurs, Jan 12: 9:00am-6:45pm
- Fri, Jan 13: 8:00am-3:45pm
- Sat, Jan 14: Closed
- Mon, Jan 16: Closed
- Tues, Jan 17 — Wed, Jan 18: 9:00am-6:45pm

National Award Winning Career Management Services Free for ODU Students and Alumni



ODU's career assistance is available almost any time of day from our satellite CMC office at **ODU-Virginia Beach**, located inside the Learning Commons, Room 146.

We offer one-on-one face to face meetings, online interaction via live 2-way audio/video and a new chat feature via avatar in our Virtual Career Center with our **ODU** Cyber Career Coaches located on the **ODU** main campus, and live help 24 hours a day. Virtual & Live appointments may be scheduled in advance. Available resources include career assistance with: resumes, cover letters, interviewing, job offer evaluations, and job search strategies & tools. The CMC presented a 4-part Career Readiness Workshop series to our Distance Learner community by technology classroom broadcast during the Fall 2011 semester. The series; which includes an orientation to the CMC & **ODU** CareerLink, and sessions on resume & cover letter writing, job search strategies, and interview tips is available on demand at <http://www.oducmc.net/cmcworkshops>.

Be on the lookout for a CMC survey; your response is critical to better develop and offer resources to our distance learners.

We offer prescreened full & part-time job listings and internships from employers who want to hire **ODU** students and Alumni. For more information about the resources available through the **ODU** Career Management Center please call us at **757-683-4388**, contact us via email at cybercoach@odu.edu or visit www.odu.edu/cmc.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month Participatory Display



School of Nursing Open House



Kudos to our performers during our **Fall Semester Exam Jam**: **Jon Small, Rachel Estrada, Christin Tiongco, Dino Garcia** and his brother **Noel**.

Red Flag Campaign to Raise Public Awareness of Dating Violence



Good Afternoon Monarchs Program





ODU-Virginia Beach Faculty Notable Achievements
Congratulations to our ODU-VB Faculty!

- ◆ *Beth Backes received a Shining Star Award .*
- ◆ *Patti Edwards presented at the Virginia Art Education Association conference, received a Shining Star Award, and displayed her visual artwork in the Faculty Show at the Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries.*
- ◆ *Dr. Rod Evans will have a new book published in June 2012---Tyrannosaurus Lex: The Marvelous Book of Palindromes, Anagrams, and Other Delightful and Outrageous Wordplay (Perigee). The book has been endorsed by wordplay maven Richard Lederer, who has said " Nobody makes the alphabet dance more brilliantly or entertainingly than Rod Evans."*
- ◆ *Dr. Sabra Gear received a Shining Star Award.*
- ◆ *Katherine Jackson earned a Master Advisor Certificate.*
- ◆ *Dr. Kyle Nicholas earned a Master Advisor Certificate.*
- ◆ *Dr. Thomas Socha earned a Master Advisor Certificate and is the winner in Faculty Advisor category of the 2011-12 ODU Advising Awards.*
- ◆ *Dr. Don Zeigler received a grant from the Taiwan government to spend two weeks in the Republic of China for a research project entitled "Collective Memory Meets Globalization: A Visual Analysis of Taiwan's Cultural Landscape." His online travel journal is posted at <http://www.geographicallyyoursan.blogspot.com/>*

Learning Commons - Room 146
Services Available for ODU Monarchs

ODU Interlibrary Loan Materials, and Distance Learning Library Services Handbook

ODU Library Book return

Student Testing Services and Testing Facility

ODU Enrollment Services
 Providing Registration Assistance, Academic/Advisor Information and University Catalog and Admission Application Information

Career Management Center Satellite Office with Virtual Career Center

Class Reserve Instructional Materials

ODU Student Computer Lab

The Mace and Crown

ODU Identification Cards

Student Copier

Study Rooms

University Libraries' Services at



Do you need academic journal articles or books for a research paper? Did you know you can have books delivered to you here at **ODU-VB** from the University Library? Visit the Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons (room 146) to pick up the latest edition of the Distance Learning Library Services Handbook. You may also use the many services available at www.lib.odu.edu.

On the University Library web homepage you can:
Ask a librarian, Search databases, Search the catalog, Place an interlibrary loan, and Obtain electronic reserve material.

For your convenience, an **ODU** Perry Library book return is located in the Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons. For further information, call the Reference Desk at Perry Library on the main campus at **757-683-4178.**

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Virginia Tidewater Consortium -

Educational Opportunity Center:

757-368-1755

Waves Express: 757-368-4140

Norfolk State University Switchboard:

757-368-4150



Room and Media Requests

Businesses, government agencies, community organizations, faculty or student organizations may request use of **ODU-VB** space for meetings and events following guidelines and in accordance with the University's educational mission. Reservations may be subject to rental fees. To apply, complete the **Room and Media Application** found on our homepage at

www.odu.edu/vbhec under **Resources/Forms**.

Faculty and students may request audio/visual equipment or meeting rooms by completing the same form. Drop off written requests at the Admin Desk (room 101) or the Learning Commons Desk (room 146) or fax to 757-368-4109.

Contact Constance Vecerkauskas at 757-368-4108 for more information.

ODU Spring Semester 2012

Important Academic Dates and Deadlines

Refer to academic calendars available on the Office of the Registrar webpage at www.odu.edu/aolregistrar for specific deadlines. Failure to determine the appropriate deadline for drop or withdraw does not release students from financial obligation.

Jan 7	Spring classes begin / Deadline to apply for in-state tuition rates for Spring 2011
Jan 9	Spring tuition deadline
Jan 14-16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday (no classes Saturday through Monday)
Jan 17	Deadline to drop classes with no financial penalty and Deadline to register or add classes
Mar 5-10	Spring break (no classes Monday through Saturday)
Mar 27	Last day to withdraw from session I classes without instructor signature
Apr 9-13	Summer and Fall 2012 Pre-registration (currently enrolled students - time ticket required)
Apr 14	Summer and Fall 2012 open registration begins
Apr 24	Spring classes end
Apr 26	Exams begin
May 3	Exams end
May 5	Spring commencement exercises

Student Computer Lab in the Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons Room 146 Monday through Friday 8:00am - 10:00pm and Saturday 8:00am - 5:30pm Student Computing Accounts

See the Information Technology Consultant in the Oberndorf Learning Commons or call the OCCS Help Desk (using our OCCS customer service telephone) at 757-683-3192 for information on MIDAS or other student accounts. The IT Consultant can also answer questions regarding software applications.

Office of Computing and Communication Services at ODU-VB

Benny Oliveira, our OCCS liaison, provides PC/LAN computer maintenance, technical and software assistance and upgrades for Center staff and faculty. You may contact our OCCS PC-LAN tech by phone at 757-368-4133 or 757-683-6935 but ***ALL faculty and staff are reminded to enter any technical problems/requests into FOOTPRINTS at occs.odu.edu or call the Help Desk at 757-683-3192 for assistance*** to document and track any and all technical problems and support.

Make A Visit To Parking Services Your First Stop at ODU-Virginia Beach

Parking Services (room 167) spring semester customer service hours are Mondays-Thursdays 9am-6:45pm and Fridays 8am-3:45pm. Students and faculty in classes Fridays (after 4pm) and Saturdays are not required to display a permit. Enrolled ODU Students, Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Staff must display parking permits to park in VBHEC lots. Daily parking passes are also available. Permits purchased by faculty, staff or students for the main campus of ODU or NSU will be honored here.

Special event parking lot #3 is designated for special event patrons. Visitors may use metered spaces in lots 1,2 and 3 for or may stop by Parking Services for a guest pass for parking in lots #1 and #2. TCC student permits are honored in the VBHEC lots from 8am to 2pm Mondays through Fridays.

For further information, call ODU—VB Parking Services at 757-368-4138.