Happy New Year from ODU Virginia Beach!

This spring semester brings a robust menu of co-curricular and community engagement programming, including our second collaboration with Maison de la Poésie in Montréal, Quebec, in celebration of National Poetry Month. During two days in April, we’ll host internationally acclaimed Quebecois poets Denise Brassard and Paul Chanel Malenfant in bi-lingual readings, local poet Mary Jean Kledzik, author of AS IF WINE COULD POUR FROM HER NIPPLE, and a panel discussion on global poetry and crossing borders. Our Women’s History Month event with D.C.-based author Seema Reza, recipient of the Col. John Gioia Patriot Award for her outstanding commitment to helping recovering troops navigate the healing process, will be equally exciting. Reza will read from her recent memoir, WHEN THE WORLD BREAKS OPEN on March 23. In addition to these literary events, we’re happy to partner again with the City of Virginia Beach Public Schools’ Visual and Performing Arts Academy and with The Holocaust Commission on visual arts installations, and with the YWCA-SHR and Norfolk State University for our annual Stand Together Against Racism (STAR). Do take a peek at our website for further details on these and other free, public events.

Now in our 29th year of offering quality graduate and undergraduate degrees as well as academic success services here in the Commonwealth’s most populous city, we at ODU Virginia Beach wish you an enlightening and prosperous 2017!

Renée Olander
Associate Vice President for Regional Higher Education Centers

Destination: Success

Graduate and Professional Development Fair

Mark your calendars for March 20!

Take the journey to learn about graduate coursework. Representatives from the Old Dominion University Graduate School, numerous ODU Graduate programs and the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development will be at ODU Virginia Beach on March 20 from 5:00—7:00 pm.

- Graduate Program Advice
- Non-credit Professional Development Opportunities Related to your Current Career
- Unofficial Transcript Reviews
- Financial Aid Advising, including Military Benefits
- Onsite Registration (application fee waived for non-degree students)

Graduate and Professional Development Fair
Monday, March 20
5:00 — 7:00 pm
ODU Virginia Beach
Jump Start to Success: Learning Communities

In the Fall 2017 ODU Virginia Beach will offer two Learning Communities which will offer enhanced faculty interaction, student engagement, and co-curricular activities in and out of the classroom. Students who participate in Learning Communities usually earn better grades and graduate faster than those who don’t!

**Beach Teacher Learning Community @ ODU Virginia Beach** students will have easy access to current public school teachers, peer mentors, career counselors and academic advisors. The courses are ARTS 305 (Elementary Art Education Methods) and STEM 433 (Developing Instructional Strategies, PK-6 Math).

**Beach Student Learning Community @ ODU Virginia Beach** students will have easy access to faculty, peer mentors, career counselors, and academic advisors. The courses in this Learning Community are ENGL 114L (American Writers) and PHIL 230 (Introduction to Ethics).

Students interested in a Beach Learning Community must complete the application at: https://www.odu.edu/success/programs/learningcommunities.

Exam Jam

As the Fall and Spring semesters wind down, ODU Virginia Beach hosts Exam Jam — a fun event that celebrates the end of the semester. There is pizza, drinks, raffle prizes, and; best of all, Live Entertainment — your fellow Monarchs sharing their talents. We have hosted singers, rappers, musical groups, a Michael Jackson impersonator and a juggling unicyclist, just to name a few. Be sure to mark your calendar for April 25 to join the festivities this semester.

Interested in sharing your talent at Exam Jam? Contact Sharon Conaway at smconawa@odu.edu.

Quick Telephone Reference:

- **ODU-VB Switchboard** 757-368-4100
  - **Security Office** 757-368-4136
  - **ITS Help Desk** 757-683-3192
  - **Parking Services** 757-368-4138
- **ODU-VB Writing Center** 757-368-2106
- **College of Continuing Education and Professional Development** 757-453-6880
- **ODU Institute for Learning in Retirement** 757-368-4160
- **ODU Nurse Anesthesia Program** 757-368-4171
- **Virginia Tidewater Consortium – Educational Opportunity Center** 757-368-1755
- **NSU Switchboard** 757-368-4150

Virginia Beach Writing Center

Can’t seem to get that paper started? The Writing Center (WC) is here to assist students strengthen their writing skills. The WC, located in Room 160B, offers free help with a wide array of assignment-related concerns, including brainstorming, organization, revision and citation. Faculty can invite the Writing Tutor to their classes for brief presentations.

**Spring 2017 hours:**
- **Tuesday and Thursday** 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
- **Wednesday** 11:00 am — 4:00 pm

**To schedule an appointment:**
- online: tutor.odu.edu
- email: wc-vb@odu.edu
ODU Virginia Beach Learning Commons

The Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons is a collaborative learning environment providing Beach students numerous success services.

**The Learning Commons Desk:** Interlibrary loans, ODU Library book returns, reserve course materials, faculty-student correspondence, ODU student ID cards and use of collaborative study rooms

**Enrollment Services:** Registration, Financial Aid, Advising and Admissions information and assistance

**Computer Lab:** IT consultant available onsite
ITS Help Desk: 757-683-3192

**Testing Services:** Testing spaces and Educational Accessibility

**Hours of Operation:**
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Extended hours on Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 am - 12:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

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**Wellness Wave at the Beach**

If your New Year’s Resolution was to get in shape then Wellness Wave is for you! University Recreation and Wellness will be at ODU Virginia Beach to offer both a student and an employee Wellness Wave session each month in room 239.

Student sessions will be offered one Thursday a month and feature a biometrics screening — blood pressure and body fat measurement — along with a physical exercise session led by Recreation and Wellness staff.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the Employee Wellness Wave offered one Tuesday a month featuring the biometrics screening and a physical activity session.

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**Textbook Purchase for Beach Classes**

A University Bookstore associate will be in the Atrium to provide textbook pricing and take book orders. When you order a book onsite it will be delivered to ODU Virginia Beach for pickup the following day. The bookstore will also offer book buy back service.

**Monday & Tuesday, January 9 and 10**
3:00 — 7:00 pm

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**Don’t Forget your Parking Permit!**

ALL students, faculty and staff must display a valid University parking permit to park in ODU Virginia Beach parking lots. Permits can be purchased at the Parking Services Office, Room 119. Guests may purchase a Visitors pass or use metered spaces. Parking permits issued for the main campuses of ODU and NSU are honored at ODU Virginia Beach. The Parking Service Office hours for the week of Jan 3 - 6 are 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

**ODU Virginia Beach Parking Office hours:**
Monday — Thursday 10:00 am — 10:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am — 7:00 pm

**Parking Services website:**
odu.edu/parkingservices
Spring 2017 Calendar of Events

Feb 6 Opening Reception

Mar 15 Good Afternoon Monarch
Grab a snack on the way to class

Mar 16 Exhibition Reception
VPAA Senior Thesis Art Exhibition, *Efflorescence* — art on view Mar 15 - Apr 17

Mar 20 Graduate and Professional Development Fair

Mar 23 Women’s History Month
Featuring Seema Reza’s new book *When the World Breaks Open*

April 5 National Poetry Month
Featuring M. J. Kledzik’s new poetry, *As If Wine Could Pour From Her Nipple*

April 6 National Poetry Month
Featuring Quebecois and American poets

Apr 25 Exam Jam
Celebrate the end of the semester with food and fun

May 2 Exhibition Reception
15th Annual Holocaust Student Art Exhibition — art on view May 1-31

May 2 YWCA Stand Against Racism
Focusing on social justice and eliminating racism

Please visit odu.edu/vabeach for event times and details.

ODU Spring Semester 2017
Important Academic Dates and Deadlines

- **Jan 7** Spring classes begin
- **Jan 9** Spring semester tuition deadline
- **Jan 14 - 16** Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)
- **Jan 17** Deadline to drop/add classes
- **Mar 6 - 11** Spring Holiday (no classes)
- **Apr 3 - 7** Fall 2017 pre-registration begins
- **Apr 8** Fall 2017 open registration begins
- **Apr 24** Spring Classes end
- **Apr 25** Reading Day
- **Apr 26** Exams begin
- **May 5 - 6** Spring 2017 Commencement Exercises
- **May 9 - 26** Maymester classes

For specific deadline information visit the Office of the Registrar at odu.edu/academics/calendar and Office of Finance at odu.edu/finance